



# ROAD BID BUSINESS WARNING



Report by Andrew Morris

**A LONG-awaited bypass for Pant and Llanymynech would have an "abhorrent" effect on businesses in the villages, it has been claimed.**

Two publicans have said they would fear for their livelihoods if the proposed bypass is built.

They both said they feared the loss of passing trade would have a major impact on sales, with one claiming she would be put out of business. It comes despite a lengthy campaign from residents who say the bypass, which will not be built until at least 2020, is desperately needed for safety reasons.

Alison Foden, landlady of the Cross Guns in Pant, said: "I can sympathise why residents want the bypass, it is needed for safety reasons, but it would close our pub. We are reliant on passing trade to make our business a success."

"Between January and March and October to December we are relying on locals and are breaking even during these spells. It is that summer spell between April and September when you get the passing trade, people off to the Welsh coast and the like where we make our business a success."

"Building the bypass would be abhorrent for us. The day it opens will most likely be the day the pub closes. We are reliant on the traffic stopping here and I am sure it is the same in Llanymynech."

Bob Hedley, landlord of the Bradford Arms Hotel in Llanymynech, echoed her comments. He said: "The bypass would be a complete disaster for us and for the village."

"In one move it would take all the passing traffic and business away from us. We are lucky to have a lot of dedicated regulars, but this is a relatively small village that supports three pubs."

"You take away the bypass and that passing trade and all of a sudden it is not looking so good anymore, it is a real worry for me." Mr Hedley said he thinks instead of a bypass, heavy goods vehicles should be directed away from the two villages.

"There should be weight restrictions on the bridges in Llanymynech," he said.

"Traffic should be sent from the Mile End roundabout in Oswestry up the A5 to Shrewsbury and then on to Welshpool rather than straight down the A483 past us. That would help with the safety aspect, but also keep the holiday traffic on the road and stopping off in the village."

Dilys Gaskill, chairwoman of the Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council, said she understood the concern, but said the bypass would be worth it in the long-run.

She said: "I can see that side of things, but there was an accident in Llanymynech only last weekend. It is vital for people's safety that the bypass is built and it is going to be at least five years away anyway."

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COUNCIL bosses say they are working to "save" more threatened services for Welshpool residents.

Welshpool Town Council already runs its town hall, markets, Tourist Information Centre, public toilets and six playgrounds amongst others. Community and town councils have been asked to "cluster" together to run services.

But Mayor Malcolm Douglass said the council is now large enough to progress on its own.

He said: "The town council delivers more services than any other town or community council in Powys and probably in Wales. The town is large enough to now progress on its own with regard to saving services for its Welshpool residents."

"The current council budget is approximately £775,000 of which the council tax makes up £274,500, £110,000 from grant aid and the remainder from commercial income."

"Welshpool Town Council is now progressing towards a programme of service delivery covering those services that are considered to be an essential part of the needs of the town and which could be the subject of budget cuts by the county council."

## Restaurant preparing for reopening

A RESTAURANT which was forced to close after a fire will reopen later this month, its owners have announced.

Matt and Lisa Newton, who run Brooks Around the Corner in Oswestry, said the venue will open its doors on May 21.

The restaurant in Church Street shut in November after a blaze started in a tumble drier in the basement and spread to the main restaurant area. Mr and Mrs Newton managed to keep their school meals service running during the closure and said they were looking forward to fully reopening and welcoming diners back into the restaurant. It is hoped some more staff will be taken on in the near future.

Mrs Newton said: "I stood outside when the fire was happening and one of the staff was crying, and I said 'it's not the end of the world'. At times I've felt like it really was, but we will be left with a beautiful restaurant now."

"We've made some changes - we will be using the double doors on the corner as the main entrance, so the bar has moved, and everything's been redecorated beautifully."

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## Treble delight for The New Saints



The New Saints' Phil Baker enjoys the moment after the Oswestry club sealed their historic treble. Photo: Pete Shah.

## Historic win for club

THE New Saints are celebrating making football history after winning the Welsh Cup Final against Newtown.

The 2-0 victory on Saturday gave the Oswestry club their first ever domestic treble.

The club had already secured the Corbett Sports Welsh Premier League and the Word Cup ahead of Saturday's game.

Two goals from man of the match Matty Williams was enough to win the cup at Latham Park in Newtown in front of a crowd of over 1,500 and seal the historic treble for the Park Hall-based club.

The victory meant Newtown's long wait for success in the Welsh Cup continues. The game was Newtown's first Welsh Cup Final appearance in 118 years.

The New Saints boss Craig Harrison paid tribute to his players after the historic win.

He said: "To win three trophies and to only get beat once in 40 odd games all season is a testament to the players and the coaching staff we have. I could not be prouder. We worked hard on our game plan all week and carried it out to a T."

The New Saints' next challenge will be whether they can convert their treble winning season into success on the European stage this summer.

● **Round-up - See Sport**

## PLANNING

### Council bosses outline future home proposals

COUNCIL chiefs have outlined where they would like to see thousands of houses built in Mid Wales in the future.

More than 5,500 homes will be built under revised 15-year plans by Powys County Council.

Powys County Council said it would like to see 5,519 new houses in the county, with 1,044 of those being affordable homes under its Local Development Plan (LDP).

The LDP will be adopted by the council next year and will form the basis of planning decisions to be taken up to 2026.

Powys County Councillors have now agreed to pass the draft plan for consultation.

The council has targeted sites for 145 homes to be built in Llanfyllin, 103 in Llanidloes, 50 in Montgomery, 547 in Newtown, 241 in Welshpool, 40 in Caersws, 30 in Four Crosses, 46 in Guilsfield and 62 in Kerry.

Councillor Avril York, portfolio holder for regeneration and planning at Powys County Council, said the draft plan will go out for consultation before a final plan is drawn up and submitted for an inspector's report in November 2016.

She said: "The LDP will set out the council's policies and proposals for development and the use of land in the county for the period of 2011 and 2026."

"When adopted, it will become the basis for determining planning applications."

## DEATH

### Man re-bailed over birthday tragedy

A 38-year-old man has been re-bailed by police over the death of a 20-year-old man who died after attending a Halloween party near Oswestry.

Matthew Jones, from the Wrexham area, died on his 20th birthday after attending the party at the Academy Skatepark on Rednal Industrial Estate.

The 38-year-old man was arrested by police on suspicion of manslaughter and supplying class A drugs following the death.

He answered bail at Shrewsbury police station on Thursday last week, police said. He has been re-bailed until June 6.

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# Celebrations will recognise town's links to key battle

Report by Pam Kingsley

**EXACTLY** 200 years since the Battle of Waterloo, the small Welsh border town of Montgomery will put on a spread of French food, film and music to celebrate its connection with the battle.

Michelin-starred chef Stéphane Borie will produce a five-course tasting meal on June 18 before a late night screening of the famous 1970 film by Sergei Bondarchuk, Waterloo, is shown in Montgomery Town Hall.

The evening is part of the Gregynog Festival's theme of Revolution. Taking place between June 12 and 28, this year's classical music festival focuses on Welsh connections between the Napoleonic Wars and the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, with an emphasis on French music and musicians.

Earlier in the day the London Handel Players will celebrate the 300th anniversary since the death of King Louis XIV with music from his era, while Mary Collins and Steven Player will demonstrate their dancing skills. The festival is also hosting a workshop in French Baroque dance between 10am and 4pm. Both events will take place at Montgomery Town Hall.

Dr Rhian Davies, artistic director of the Gregynog Festival, said: "We're normally accustomed to famous and well-known musical performers and artists taking part in the festival, and so we are very lucky to have the culinary expertise of Stéphane involved this year as we commemorate French music - and cuisine - during this year's programme."

"Montgomery has many links to the Napoleonic Wars through the Prisoners of War who lived here during that time. There are many stories about them, most of whom returned to France only to die during the Battle of Waterloo."

Chef Borie, who runs The Checkers restaurant in Montgomery, said he was looking forward to the evening.

"Montgomery has many French connections, from its early history through to the Napoleonic wars and now a Michelin restaurant," he said.

"It seemed very appropriate to be involved with such a unique occasion and I'm very much looking forward to being a part of the Gregynog Festival and the evening's event."

## Count the kicks, says new mother Beth



Beth Clemison, who will be doing a skydive in aid of the Count the Kicks charity, with her son Theo

BETH Clemison plays happily with her seven-month-old son like any other new mum.

But she knows that had it not been for an awareness campaign to encourage pregnant women to count the kicks of their unborn child, Theo may not have been born alive.

The 27-year-old mother is so grateful that she is planning to do a sponsored skydive in September for the Count the Kicks charity.

Miss Clemison, from Llanfyllin, said everything went well until she was 36 weeks pregnant, when she stopped noticing Theo kicking.

"I mentioned it to friends and contacted midwives but they reassured me that it was because my baby was growing and did not

have room to kick," she said. "But I had this mother's instinct and I just knew that things weren't right."

She was so worried that she went to Wrexham Maelor Hospital and insisted something was wrong. Tests showed that Miss Clemison's waters had been absorbed by her body and Theo had no protective fluid around him. He was also in breech position.

"I had to stay in hospital, was given steroid injections and he was born a day later," she said.

Theo was four weeks early and became jaundiced but after care at Wrexham he was allowed home and is now a picture of health. "I am so lucky. If I had not been

counting the kicks, had not been aware of how important it is, I might not have Theo now," she said.

"The Count the Kicks charity gives out valuable information and advice to mums-to-be about decreased or increased foetal movements, I can easily say that this charity has saved a lot of babies lives by the constant work it does."

"If it was not for Count the Kicks charity I believe my son may not have made it to see the world and thank my lucky stars everyday."

"I have decided to do a sponsored skydive at Tilstock, Whitechurch, on October 2 and hope that people will sponsor me."



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## Firm gives pledge over road works

MOVES to get proposals to close Church Street in Welshpool either brought forward or delayed have failed but Scottish Power has vowed that the work will be completed on time.

Road bosses announced plans to close Church Street in the week leading up to May 25 Bank Holiday, sparking objections by Welshpool Town Council.

The council expressed fears that any delay would lead to chaotic Bank Holiday road delays in Welshpool with holiday traffic caught up in long delays.

Scottish Power representative Andy James met town councillors Graham Breeze and Steve Kaye in Church Street and has given a firm assurance the work will be completed by mid-day on May 22 if not sooner.

Councillor Breeze, who raised the concerns, said he was satisfied Scottish Power were doing all they could to minimise disruption.

He said: "This is essential work to allow Jonathan Partridge to complete the transformation of the old National Milk Bar premises but as a council we are concerned about the impact of additional traffic on the one-way system.

"We remain worried about traffic congestion this work will cause but are now happy that Scottish Power is doing everything to ensure the work is complete on time."

## Export was focus of trade meeting

OSWESTRY was the destination for exporters from across the region as the Shropshire branch of UKTI held an event to look at exports.

The Exporting for Growth conference at Walford & North Shropshire College's campus in Oswestry was aimed at helping business owners see the opportunity for growth in export markets.

It afforded time for networking together with advice and information on topics including language and cultural advice for exporters, intellectual property and business goals.

It included talks by Santander, international trade advisors and local company Lindstrand Technologies, which makes cutting edge inflatable products under the eye of famed balloonist Per Lindstrand.

International trade advisor Richard Smith said the event was well received and attended by more than 70 people.

# Farm issues flagged up to candidates

ISSUES facing farming were spelt out to the six candidates standing for election in Montgomeryshire ahead of today's (Thursday) General Election.

Liberal Democrat Jane Dodds, Des Parkinson for Ukup, Conservative Glyn Davies, Ann Griffith from Plaid Cymru, Green candidate Richard Chaloner and Martyn Singleton from Labour all took part in a hustings meeting at the farm of FUW mem-

ber Peter Roberts in Forden, near Welshpool, on Friday. The six candidates met at Mr Roberts's Pen Y Derw farm where they set out what they are standing for and what they would do to help the farming community.

Emyr Jones, president of the FUW, said: "Since the last general election took place at the height of the financial crisis, we have seen numerous positive developments in terms

of recovery, but widespread debate continues about where best to strike the balance between paying off the national deficit, ensuring economic growth and protecting vital services.

"While the impact of the financial crisis on our economy as a whole has been severe, there can be no doubt that in rural Britain and many of our urban areas the effect has been buffered by the core role agriculture has

played in generating income for communities the length and breadth of the UK.

"Put simply, agriculture is the powerhouse of the rural economy, generating billions of pounds which benefit a host of industries, including many not directly associated with agriculture."

The six candidates also took part in hustings at Welshpool Town Hall last night.

# Election fever at school as students cast votes

Report by Pam Kingsley

**YOUNG people got a taste of electioneering by holding their own polls in school ahead of today's (Thursday) General Election.**

The Marches School in Oswestry organised its own election with pupils having to deliver manifestos and give speeches to classmates before votes were cast.

Mock election campaigning began on Wednesday last week and saw all pupils attend a whole school assembly where they listened to party political broadcasts from each of the party leaders.

Party leaders were selected from the school's public speaking club and allocated to parties at random, with Will Lewis representing Labour, Alex Wagner the Greens, Mikey Reade standing as Conservative and Joe and Oliver Beckett for Liberal Democrats.

Following the broadcasts from each of the parties, pupils were encouraged to register to vote, upon which they received their polling card. Thursday and Friday were the voting days with form rooms turned into polling stations and party leaders out campaigning.

Results were due to be announced today, the day of the General Election itself. Vikki Vicars, law teacher at the Marches School, said: "By holding a mock election, we wanted to give students the chance to have a say and take part in an election of their own."

● **Voters in North Shropshire and Montgomeryshire go to the polls today (Thursday) to choose their next MP. See next week's Chronicle for a full General Election round-up.**



Joe Beckett, Will Lewis, Alex Wagner and Mikey Reade have been campaigning for votes

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Council asked to review decision

SHROPSHIRE Council will be asked to reconsider a decision to refuse permission for a 50-home development on the edge of Weston Rhyn.

Members of the council's North Planning Committee said they were minded to refuse plans to build the homes next to Aspen Grange at their meeting in March.

Planning officers were asked to draw up reasons for refusal to be presented at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday in Shrewsbury. The members had raised fears over potential flooding at the site and sewage problems and possible traffic problems on the busy Station Road through the village. But a report prepared for Tuesday's meeting states members run the risk of losing any appeal if they refuse on the grounds of foul drainage, as the potential problems could be dealt with through imposing conditions on the planning permission.

Officers are recommending the committee changes its mind and grants outline permission with conditions.

## Two are hurt in crash on A5 road

A MOTORCYCLIST was taken to hospital with serious injuries after a crash with a car on the A5.

Emergency services were called just after 1pm on Monday to attend the collision.

The collision happened on the A5 at Chirk, west of the Halton roundabout.

The road was closed between Halton roundabout and Whitehurst roundabout for more than two hours following the crash.

Drivers were asked by police to avoid the area until the collision was dealt with.

Both drivers sustained injuries in the incident.

The motorcyclist was taken to hospital for treatment.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash.

Anyone with information is asked to contact them on 101 quoting reference number S063 338.

## Combined service

CHURCHES in Oswestry will be holding a combined Christian Aid service at St Oswald's Parish Church on Sunday.

The service will start at 6.30pm and will give details of some of the work of Christian Aid across the world. A collection will be made in aid of the charity.

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# Lottery funding boost for historic workhouse project

Report by Pam Kingsley

**AN historic workhouse has been awarded £39,900 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to bring the past to life.**

Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust will use the windfall for the Llanfyllin Workhouse History Centre and Community Project.

The workhouse is one of the best preserved in Britain but its real significance lies in the stories it has to tell of ordinary men, women and children who fell on hard times.

Completed in 1840 the building is Grade II listed and is one of the finest surviving examples of a Victorian workhouse. As part of the 18-month project, local volunteers will help to create displays and educational materials on the lives of the people who lived there.

## Vaccination programme to continue

CONTROVERSIAL badger vaccinations are to continue across Shropshire as part of the fight against TB.

Volunteers will start carrying out vaccinations on farmland in the county in an attempt to stop the spread of the disease in cattle.

Members of Shropshire Badger Group claim there is no need to cull badgers and have signed up nine farmers who have offered their land for the vaccination trial.

Jim Astley, chairman of the Shropshire Badger Group, said the vaccination programme would continue until 2017.

He said: "Having got off to an encouraging start at the end of 2014, this will be the second phase of our four-year vaccination scheme to protect Shropshire badgers from the threat of cattle TB.

"Since the vaccinated badgers will pass on the immunity to their cubs, we only need to vaccinate 50 per cent of a badger family to achieve this scientifically proven clan immunity effect.

"We are also delighted that for 2015 a further two locations have been added to our list of free badger vaccination sites, making a total of nine sites."

Mr Astley said recent research showed badgers and cattle actually prefer to avoid each other, but said the vaccination programme as a disease control measure "is a tried and tested procedure".

He added: "Badger culling has never had an effect on TB in cattle population. Vaccination is highly successful."

These stories will be housed in a new history centre and reception area near the entrance to the building, in one of the least altered parts of the old Workhouse.

There will be a viewing room with a 20-minute film for visitors, as well as space for digital resources accessible to those with an interest in local or social history.

And the project will take forward the restoration of the building with repairs to roofs and stonework.

John Hainsworth, one of the trustees of the Workhouse, said the group was delighted to have secured the funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Mr Hainsworth said: "We're thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"This will be a real community project with the emphasis on people of all ages acquiring knowledge and skills to produce a lasting legacy.

"Community participation will be at the heart of the project, with the emphasis on acquiring skills as well as knowledge.

"Volunteers creating the interpretation materials, and the local actors making the film, will receive professional guidance, and others will be trained in oral history techniques and produce recordings, preserving memories of the people who had associations with the building."

The project will end with a large-scale adaptation of the musical Oliver at the workhouse by Llanfyllin High School's Lonely Tree Theatre Company in September 2016.

Mandy Saunders, the school's head of drama, who will direct the production, said: "This will involve students at every stage, and they will start by creating a script which reflects local conditions in the 19th century and encourages both authors and audience to reflect on the issues the story raises.

"Whether as cast members, musicians, designers, stage crew or spectators, all will be engaged in a learning experience – and having a lot of fun."

## Mum's tribute to brave Charlie



Tributes have been paid to 15-year-old Charlie Bailey

A TEENAGER from Oswestry who passed away last week never let the muscle-wasting disease he suffered from get him down, his mother has said.

Paying tribute to eldest son Charlie, who died age 15 last week, Charlotte Bailey said he threw himself into everything he could, including family holidays in Florida with brothers Bobbie, 13, and Billie, 11, and sister Millie, seven, and activities other teenagers took for granted.

Charlie was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy aged four. Charlotte said: "Despite everything, Charlie never gave up and was always so independent, still continuing to go fishing with his mates and even still walking around the house,

which was amazing for a boy of his age with Duchenne."

Charlotte said the teenager often had to spend extended periods in hospital with chest infections and for regular appointments.

Charlotte said: "He had a fall on April 29 causing a fracture in his knee. He was admitted to hospital and put in plaster, but within hours he deteriorated and caught a chest infection which landed him in intensive care.

"My gorgeous boy passed away on May 1. He had no more fight in him.

"There will be a massive hole in all of our lives. His cheeky smile was infectious and one we will never forget."

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**CHRONICLE**

# Stowaway cat gets more than she bargained for

Report by Pam Kingsley

**SIX-MONTH-OLD** kitten Katherine the Great used up another of her nine lives after stowing away with a supermarket delivery driver and going on a tour of Shropshire.

The Norwegian Forest cat, otherwise known as Kitty, got more than she bargained for when she started exploring the Tesco van which was making a delivery to her home in Leighton, near Welshpool.

Owner Sue Pallett said: "Kitty and her brother Frederick the Great, known as Freddy, were hanging around outside and my husband noticed Kitty had gone under the van, so he checked before the van driver left that she wasn't still there.

## Man jailed for assaults on officers

A POLICE officer's head was banged onto a driveway six or seven times, a court heard.

The incident happened when Matthew Toes was arrested on warrant at his Chirk home and he ended up assaulting two police officers.

Then when he was taken to Wrexham Police Station, Toes kicked a police sergeant. Toes, 25, of Crogen, Chirk, was jailed for 36 weeks, despite a claim that he would be unable to cope in custody.

Mold Crown Court heard how the defendant had failed to turn up at Wrexham Magistrates Court and a warrant was issued for his arrest. In July of last year two officers attended his home address to arrest him. Toes struggled on the floor with one officer and then banged his head repeatedly on the ground, possibly up to seven times, the court heard. The officer's colleague went to his aid but he was also assaulted. Fortunately the injuries to the officers were not as serious as they could have been, the court heard.

The court was told Toes had told in his pre-sentence report how he would not comply with a curfew and was not prepared to do unpaid work in the community.

John Hedgecoe, defending, said that his client had mental health issues. He said that the injuries did not reflect the allegations and he said that his client did not accept striking the officer's head on the ground six or seven times. He said Toes had not been in custody before and there were fears that he could not cope inside.

"After the van had gone we called for her and she didn't come, which was not like her at all. I called for another 10 minutes and then called the Tesco delivery number to ask them to get the driver to see if she was with him. He came back and said she definitely wasn't in the cab but that he would keep his eyes open.

"We went to look for her around our area but still couldn't find anything. We were getting more and more worried, and two hours later we rang Tesco again. They called the driver again and he said he'd checked in the back of the van and nothing had got out on any of his stops. He was back in Shrewsbury by this point.

"About 10 minutes later we got a call to say she'd been found in the engine compartment of the van."

Mrs Pallett said she was told that the driver, Mark Jones, had opened the bonnet and found Kitty lying across the top of the engine under the bonnet.

"She was grubby but she was fine," Mrs Pallett said. "It was amazing.

"She went to Treowen and then other drops so she must have done about 25 miles or more. She's lucky to be alive."

The couple immediately went to Shrewsbury to collect Kitty where they found her installed in the cab of the van with a bowl of water to drink.

Mrs Pallett said her two pet cats had already survived cat flu, which is why they have their "The Great" nicknames.

They were bought from a breeder in Ripon, who told the couple that Freddy was the one to keep an eye on.

"The breeder said he was trouble," said Mrs Pallett, "but he came with a sister and we never thought that she'd be trouble as well."

She added: "Freddy was beside himself when we couldn't find her. They've been together since they were born. He was so pleased when she came home."

Mrs Pallett said she particularly wanted to thank the Tesco staff for their help.



Sue Pallett with Kitty the kitten who hid in the engine bay of a Tesco delivery van

## Parents launch campaign

THE parents of a still-born baby have launched a fundraising drive to buy a cold cot for the hospital where their daughter was born.

Cerian Cowley and her partner George Halliday, from Park Hall, Oswestry, suffered the heartbreaking experience of losing baby Willow-Sofia Nyla at 39 weeks in February.

But the couple were able to spend more time with their daughter to say goodbye thanks to the "cuddle cot" provided by Wrexham Maelor hospital.

"The cuddle cot was a blessing to us at this time and gave us so much time with our daughter and the opportunity for other family members and friends to come and meet Willow-Sofia," Cerian said.

"A cuddle cot is just like a normal cot except it keeps your angel cooler to allow more time with you and your family. They really are a blessing to have and to allow you to make precious memories with your baby."

"After giving birth to Willow-Sofia we realised that not many hospitals have the specialised cot to offer to other parents in the same situation, so we decided it would be a great idea to raise money to buy more for other hospitals and to give other families the opportunity to spend longer with their babies."

The couple, who have another daughter Tegan-Leigh, two, have founded the Willow's Wishes charity to raise funds to buy more cots. To support the charity visit [www.indiegogo.com/projects/willow-s-wishes](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/willow-s-wishes)

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

The Royal baby and politicians, strutting their stuff, dominated the news agenda this week but for me the announcement that Per Lindstrand will re-start manufacturing balloons in Oswestry topped the lot.

The world record setting balloonist sold his manufacturing business in Oswestry to Cameron Balloons 12 years ago to concentrate his efforts on Lindstrand Technologies. Cameron closed the doors to the Oswestry business, putting 19 people out of work and bringing what we thought was an end to balloon production in Oswestry.

But the entrepreneur and adventurer, who along with Sir Richard Branson flew on record-breaking journeys across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in the 1980s and 90s, plans to start manufacturing again.

He will begin manufacturing from the headquarters of his company Lindstrand Technologies in Oswestry and hopes to employ some of the 19 who lost their jobs. Inflatable technology designed and produced in Oswestry now dominate the skyline in countries across the world. There are huge inflatables to be seen in Festival Park, in the Malaysian capital city of Putrajaya as well as in Tel-Aviv in Israel. Skies are also dominated in Kankaria Lake in the heart of Ahmedabad, in Tallinn and at the Philadelphia Zoo by products produced in Oswestry.

And probably the company's most high profile project was creating the parachute used to help land The Beagle 2 Project on the surface of Mars. So it's not just our world benefitting from Per Lindstrand's brilliance.

.... If you could manage to find a TV channel not dominated by the Royal birth and politics it's been a great weekend for sports lovers.

Team sports normally take up most airtime but this week we were treated to some brilliant individual performances on the snooker table, golf course and in the boxing ring. You could argue that these sportsmen earn too much money for their efforts but you can't hide from the total dedication and effort that goes into making Rory McIlroy such a super golfer, Stuart Bingham such an exciting snooker talent and Floyd Mayweather one of the greatest boxers of all time.

And then there's the England cricket team!

.... While on the subject of cricket it would be difficult to close without a mention for Oswestry youngster Joe Clarke.

The teenager hit a stunning 107 for Shropshire on Sunday, thought it was not enough as the county went down to Northumberland. And all on his home Oswestry wicket. Well done young man.



The area's canals offer a tranquil way of life for many visitors to the region



The use of canals in Shropshire and Mid Wales is continuing to increase



The Llangollen Canal offers many spectacular sights for visitors to enjoy

# Work carrying on to help secure future of canals

**Ensuring the future of the area's waterways is a vital task. REBECCA KING finds out more**

**IT'S a parallel universe – somewhere calm, away from the hustle and bustle and noise of every day.**

And John Yates has landed a position to make sure Shropshire canals are kept as tranquil and popular as possible.

Mr Yates, 68, is one of the seven new members appointed to the North Wales and Borders Waterway partnership by the Canal & River Trust.

"My wife and I have had canal boats for many years," Mr Yates, from Wem, said.

"And my day job is a historic buildings and areas inspector for Historic England. "So I bring heritage conservation skills to the partnership, with boating experience."

Mr Yates's love of canals stems from the peaceful atmosphere, and said he hopes his position will help more people enjoy their local waterways.

He and his wife have owned a host of historic narrowboats, and in the 1970s they initiated a co-operative residential mooring in London's Battlebridge Basin.

## Develop

He said: "The partnership is to help people enjoy the canals.

"They are not just for boats, I would say 19 out of 20 people that visit are cyclists, walkers, fishers all sorts of people. "It really is a parallel universe."

"You go to the canal and everything slows down."

"Even in a city, the canal is another world just running through the city."



John Yates, member of the North Wales and Borders Waterway partnership

The North Wales and Borders Waterway partnership includes six canals and rivers and two major visitor attractions – the Pontcysyllte aqueduct world heritage site and the Anderton boat lift near Northwich.

## Management

The partnership works closely with the trust's local waterway management team to help shape plans, guide the trust's spending decisions, develop contacts, seek new funding and champion the interests of the waterways.

And Mr Yates has plans up his sleeve already.

He says facilities for canal visitors could be improved in Market Drayton while there is a great opportunity for the disused canal arm to be extended into Whitchurch.

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"I am delighted to welcome our new partnership members whose wealth of experience will be of great value.

## Exciting

"These are exciting times for our waterways and all the members look forward to working alongside the local management team to make the most of this important historical asset for the benefit of users, visitors and nearby communities. Our canal network really can be enjoyed by everyone whether they are a boating enthusiast, runner, cyclist or just someone who enjoys being out in the fresh air."

Mr Yates said: "Canals have a lot going for them and they are a really special place to be."

"The more we can share that, and protect that, the more impact we can have."

Lovers of the waterways in the Oswestry and Welshpool area need not reminding about the attractions and the opportunities the canals in the area offer.

## Popular

Trips along the Llangollen Canal, which skirts around Oswestry, have been popular for many years for families from all around the world.

Interest in canal boating in the UK was boosted when Hollywood star Harrison Ford was spotted cruising along the Llangollen Canal with his family.

Now many families use the waterway to reach the picturesque tourist town of Llangollen, stopping off at various points along the way, bringing a much welcome economic boost to towns such as Ellesmere, Chirk and Trevor.

Meanwhile work is continuing to reopen the Montgomery Canal and various visitor attractions have already been set up on that waterway including regular horse drawn boat trips.

## PETER RHODES

Our changing language. A priest in Baltimore, the Rev James Bryant, has denounced the use of the word 'thugs' to describe rioters who are, he insists, no more than 'upset and frustrated children'. He says 'thugs' is the 21st century word for the N-word.

Be the first in your circle of friends to tut-tut in a holier-than-thou way next time the T-word is used. Meanwhile, in Scotland, there is such sensitivity over the word 'Huns', used to denounce rowdy Rangers fans, that you will find it referred to as 'the H-word'. We will be running out of alphabet soon.

.... The police operation to protect a conference in Texas was one of two things. It may have been no more than the perfect plan, with plenty of well-armed, well-briefed cops providing defence in depth to ensure no civilians were hurt.

But was it a little too perfect? Was it actually a case of organising an anti-Islamic event calculated to offend Muslims, see who turns up and shoot 'em?

.... One thing is certain. Any departing minister who leaves a note in his desk on the lines of "I'm afraid there is no money" can expect a long, long time on the backbenches.

What on earth was Liam Byrne thinking of back in 2010? As I predicted more than a year ago, Byrne's "joke" note became David Cameron's best election prop. How have the past five Coalition years been for you? For me, by and large, they have been good years. My tax threshold has risen, inflation has dropped to nothing, council tax has been frozen, petrol is cheaper than it was a year ago and all our houses have gone up in value. British troops have come back from Afghanistan. As a 1950s kid who remembers real austerity, I don't recognise today's use of the term.

And I certainly don't recognise the image of Britain, peddled with revolting glee by some politicians, as a doomed country whose social fabric has been torn apart by a tiff government which cares only for the rich, with its health service on the verge of collapse.

The NHS, on the occasions since 2010 when my family has needed it, has been quick and efficient and still has the power to make you shed a tear of pride and thankfulness as it works its magic. This is still a good land and I am proud to live in a Britain where more people are now working than at any time in our history. I'm not complacent but I am reasonably content.

Things are far from perfect. The bedroom tax is unkind, the minimum wage is a pittance and immigration is out of control.

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**A:** You had already begun the redundancy consultation process before he went off sick so the worker cannot claim he is being made redundant because he is off sick. If he is unable to attend consultation meetings because he is not at work you are legally within your rights to supply the relevant information in writing, or you could conduct the meetings with him by phone or perhaps on skype.

Commercial viability is a valid reason for redundancy and that is what you say has forced you to make the redundancy decision. It is the job not the worker that is being made redundant. You just need to demonstrate that your selection procedure has been fair, objective and non-discriminatory, as unfair selection for redundancy is a type of unfair dismissal - and someone who has been unfairly selected for redundancy may be able to claim compensation for unfair dismissal on top of redundancy pay.

Employment law is one of the fastest changing areas of law and it might therefore, for absolute peace of mind, be in your best interest to make an appointment with a specialist employment lawyer who can go through your particular circumstances with you and advise you on all the steps you need to be taking.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal.

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# We are better together with the EU

IN last year's coverage of the centenary of the First World War there was one striking omission. There was hardly a mention of it in our debates about the relationship of Britain with the European Union.

This overlooks the fundamental reason why the EU was created. After centuries of dynastic, nationalistic and ideological conflict, the post-1945 leaders took a long-term decision to prevent war again on our continent. British politicians and commentators often argue that the only reason we joined the EU was free trade.

Free trade is important, not only to raise living standards, or to create winners and

losers in a competitive free market. An important effect in Europe has been to make our economies and societies so inextricably inter-dependent that we cannot go to war again. As a result Europe's main combatant nations have enjoyed 70 years of peace. The European Commission and other EU institutions provide a mechanism for reaching compromises and resolving tensions. They are far from perfect, but are much better than if they did not exist. As was argued in the Scottish Referendum campaign, we are better together.

Another founding principle of the European Union was the creation of peace

within society. In the early days of the Cold War this was motivated partly by the need to win the loyalty of western European working people, and dissuade them from supporting Communist expansion.

Our EU membership attracts a great deal of inward investment into Britain. Reforms are certainly needed in Europe.

Britain's aim should be to maximise our involvement, not to minimise it. We must not only seek to secure free trade in our own interests, but also renew our commitment to the EU.

**MICHAEL BOURKE**  
Church Stretton

## Protest held over controversial new tax



More than 500 anti poll tax protesters barricaded Oswestry Borough Councillors in the council chamber in March 1990 as they tried to set a figure for the tax. One man was arrested, several were injured, and borough councillors were stranded for two hours as the angry crowd chanted anti Government slogans and threw eggs, coins, gloves and lighted cigarettes.

## Wind farms do seem to work when I see them

LETTERS are regularly printed in the press on the subject of wind farms that include the claims that "wind farms don't work".

I've passed quite a few wind farms in the past, usually with most, if not all, of the blades going round at a reasonable speed.

They seem to be working to me, or do these people think that they've been connected up as fans instead, and are actually creating the wind?

(If that is the case, then they've been remarkably successful this March!)

From various sources figures show that on-and off-shore wind farms provide between seven per cent and 10 per cent (13 per cent for one week in December 2013) of total electricity generated.

Are the letter writers claiming that the people who supply such statistics are all liars, and the actual figure is zero?

These writers seem to have a different understanding of the phrase "don't work" to the rest of us.

**JOHN HALL**  
Dawley

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Bad time to sell off bank

FOR more than 30 years UK governments have sold off almost every asset the nation has owned.

Now George Osborne is paving the way for the sell-off of the government stake in Lloyds TSB.

If George sells off the Government stake in Lloyds that's it gone and the debt that Labour and the Tories have built up over the years will still be growing with nothing to wipe the state clean.

**MARK NORWOOD**  
Whittington

## We should be learning from the history of Europe

FORGET "the straight banana" and other European Union absurdities.

Just consider the far more serious and wider objective, which is euphemistically referred to as, "ever closer union".

In plain English the USE, the United States of Europe, meaning, of course, a federal republic.

It therefore follows that the USE will fund its own army, navy and air force, foreign policy, civil service, EU law (out goes trial by jury, habeas corpus), federal taxes plus local taxes of course, fishing and farming, as well.

We should no longer be a self-governing democratic sovereign state.

Are we to be just a pawn at the will of a group of Brussels bureaucrats?

The irony is that the European project has succeeded so far without a shot being fired, where Adolf Hitler and Napoleon Bonaparte failed, with terrible loss of life and property.

Shall we never learn from history?

**J B CROSS**  
Shrewsbury

## Improvements to rail lines would help with road problems

A RECENT news report about road layouts in Shropshire was interesting.

Laterally thinking, the traffic could be vastly reduced if regions got the pro rata investment that London does.

Only about a fifth of the UK population live there but huge billions are spent on travel infrastructure.

Even if one assumes that a quarter of the UK population benefits from Crossrail, tube, suburban rail, there's still three-quarters of us who do not get similar investment which many areas need.

Shropshire, in particular, could benefit enormously from reopening old stations in the form of parkways or even parkways near to where stations used to be.

Thus the five lines running into Shrewsbury are badly serving the public except the one from Crewe which does still have small stations, utilised occasionally but could be improved by upgrading to parkways and additions.

From Gobowen, two or three halts are needed between there and Shrewsbury; from Welshpool three; from Church Stretton two and a couple between Wellington and Shrewsbury.

Hereford, of course, suffers even worse than Shropshire with only four stations in the whole county.

None west of that city, while in the north Woodfordton's closure by Beeching was as daft an idea as it was possible to have.

A parkway there would serve the expanding town of Tenbury Wells (on better roads) as well as the area towards Ludlow and west towards Powys.

All the five lines into Shrewsbury could have a viable busy Metro-type system running trains only from Welshpool via Shrewsbury to Gobowen, to Wellington and to Craven Arms - possibly to Whitchurch, too.

One or two stations are needed to serve Shrewsbury's suburbs at Meole Brace and Harlescott.

**R RYALL**  
Llandrindod Wells

## Jesus gave us all a very rich harvest

SPRING has sprung, and what a great spring we are enjoying.

Farmers with tractors ploughing and sowing.

Gardeners digging and planting their seeds. Even the best seed won't produce anything if it's left in the packet.

It has to be planted in the earth.

Jesus explained that his life was like a seed and He was willing to sacrifice his life so that like a seed planted in the ground it would "die", but new life would grow out of it and bear fruit.

Jesus did die, on a cruel cross, they buried him but he rose again.

Just as one seed planted can eventually produce a harvest of many more seeds, His life, death and resurrection has produced a rich harvest and is still bearing fruit of love joy and peace.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Garden ornament thefts reported

RESIDENTS in Oswestry have been warned to keep their eyes open after a spate of thefts involving garden ornaments.

Police have received reports of four separate thefts in the Oswestry area in which garden ornaments including staddle stones – heavy stack stones or “mushrooms” – have been targeted.

In the first, two stone eagles, about 2ft high, and a 3ft high stone bird bath were stolen from a garden in Shrewsbury Road, possibly at some time on April 23. At about 4am on the same day two stone “mushrooms” were taken from a farm at Hengoed. A big blue van was seen in the vicinity around the time of the incident.

Two staddle stones and a stone trough were taken from a farmhouse garden at Daywell, Gobowen, between 10am on April 26 and 5.30pm on April 27. And six sets of staddle stones were stolen from a garden off a minor road between Morton and Gwern y Brenin between 3pm on April 27 and 8am on April 28.

## Helicopter called in to aid search

A POLICE helicopter was called in to help locate a missing man in Oswestry officers have said.

Police officers were called to College Road in Oswestry on Sunday at 8.20pm.

The officers were called to the scene after concerns were raised for the man’s welfare.

The man had left his home, police said.

They said with the help of the helicopter from Manchester, police later located him.

He was then taken to hospital by ambulance as a precaution, police officers said.

# Town school becomes a hub for the community

Report by Sue Austin

## A PRIMARY school has become a hub for the local community.

The Woodside Community Hub based at Woodside Primary School in Oswestry offers information, advice and support for families with children living in the school catchment area.

Issues such as parenting, child health, housing and finance as well as legal advice can be discussed.

Among those involved are the school and the Sure Start Children Centre on the site as well as local health visitors, housing support workers, solicitors and money advice experts.

Adam Roberts, one of the parents involved with the hub said: “Family life can be lots of fun but also hard work.

“The Woodside Hub aims to provide help to make sure that families get the right support from the right people at the right time.”

Mr Roberts became involved when he was made redundant from work when his son, Obie now four, was young.

“My wife, Paula, had been taking Obie to the Sure Start centre but was going back to work. I found a job doing shift work and so I started taking him.

“When I saw what good work the centre did I wanted to get involved and, although Obie will be at school soon, I will stay involved. There are so many workshops and talks that have been held at Sure Start, from parenting to managing finances and in conjunction with the Woodside Hub staff can put families in touch with agencies that can help.”

Mr Roberts said those involved in the hub wanted to publicise just what was available so that families made use of the services.



Members of the Woodside Community Hub including, front, Adam Roberts and Obie Roberts

## Town park will host musical fun

OSWESTRY’S town park will be filled with music this summer with bands and other events taking place on Sundays.

The summer of music will begin on June 7 when Shrewsbury Brass Band will kick off the programme.

It will continue with Porthywaen Silver Band on July 5, Oswestry Street Band on July 19, and Ifton Brass Band on August 2 and 16. All bands will be playing from 2pm to 4pm.

There will also be two special events which will last from noon to 7pm.

Chill Out Sunday will take place on June 21 and Reggae in the Park will be held on July 12 with reggae and vinyl enthusiasts from the town on DJ duties, including organiser Neil Phillips.

The event was so popular last year that it was repeated at the end of August.

All the events are free and people are welcome to stay for as long as they like.

In previous years many people have brought picnics with them and stayed for the whole afternoon.

The events will all focus around the bandstand.

## Event will give tips on health

A WISE and well information day will be held at Oswestry’s Memorial Hall on Thursday next week.

The event will bring together Shropshire based experts to give local people the chance to ask questions about home safety, health and personal support.

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## False letter leads to jail for mother and her son

A MUM accused of typing a letter which purported to show her son had a new job in order to get his curfew lifted by a court has been jailed with him for four months.

Her husband, who signed the letter, was also sentenced to four months in custody but the prison term was suspended for a year with 200 hours unpaid work ordered.

In March a crown court jury convicted Matthew Burns, 23, of Brony Buckley, Welshpool, who'd been on bail for affray, and his factory worker mum Amanda Chambers, 46, and stepfather Richard Chambers, 58, who ran a garage - both of Clos Glandwr, Newtown - of trying to pervert the course of justice.

Sentencing them at Caernarfon Crown Court, Judge Merfyn Hughes QC said the letter purported to show Burns had obtained night-time work at an accident repair centre.

"It was a blatant attempt to deceive the court," the judge said.

The judge said he was satisfied Richard Chambers was a "reluctant participant" and all he did was sign the letter when his wife asked him to do so.

But the judge added: "Such an offence undermines the very system of criminal justice."

Anna Pope, defending, said Amanda Chambers's actions were "misguided rather than malicious".

Miss Pope remarked: "She recognises she did something wrong."

She worked for Laura Ashley, counsel added.

Defence barrister Paulinus Barnes said Richard Chambers was "well respected" in the community.

John Oates, representing Burns, urged the judge not to jail him.

# Overnight road closure sparks congestion fear

Report by Andrew Morris

**PLANS to close a roundabout near Oswestry overnight for roadworks later this year have led to concerns about congestion.**

The Gledrid roundabout will be shut overnight from mid-September for improvement works.

Councillor Terry Evans, Wrexham County Borough Council member for Chirk South, said he was worried the town could be brought to a standstill during the work.

He said: "It is absolutely worrying news for the region, especially those of us who live in Chirk, it is going to bring chaos to the area."

"It only takes a couple of people to pull up for a minute on the side of the road in the centre of town for tailbacks to form and this will do far worse than that."

"This will send traffic which would normally travel up the main A5/A483 road into Chirk and cause chaos for us all," Councillor Evans added.

However highways bosses have reassured drivers that disruption will be kept to a minimum during the overnight work. They said they will start in mid-September.

The proposed scheme includes widening entry and exits at the junction with the A5, putting in lane markings and putting up new signs.

Joe Wilson, for Highways England, said the disruption should be kept to a minimum.

"Road closures will only be in place at night, when works are being carried out," he said. "But the road will not be closed every single night in both directions throughout the whole scheme."

## Spinathon will boost hospice funds



Tracey Whitfield from Bodytech and Lynsey Kilvert from Hope House get set for the spinathon

AN Oswestry gym is planning to take part in two fundraisers for charity.

Members of the Bodytech gym in Oswestry will join members from other clubs and descend on The Square at Shrewsbury for a fundraising spinathon.

Money raised at that event will go

to the Severn Hospice. Meanwhile Bodytech's Oswestry gym is holding a separate spinathon event in Cae Glas Park on May 23.

The event will be held between 10am and 2pm at the park.

All participants are asked to raise a minimum of £30 in sponsorship for Hope House Children's Hospice and

for completing the gruelling four-hour challenge everyone will receive a medal and t-shirt.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### New glasshouse opens at college

A NEW £55,000 glasshouse has been opened at a college near Oswestry which will allow students to extend their business.

Derwen College in Gobowen has built the 1,400 square foot glasshouse in its garden centre, where students learn about plants and sell what they have grown to visitors.

James Worthington, a land-based studies teacher at Derwen College, said: "The new glasshouse will provide a much better environment for students to work in. Hopefully, it will bring in more customers too."

"The project has been funded by a number of charitable trusts and organisations, including £30,000 from the Friends of the Derwen."

"It will be used for teaching, sales and hardening off mainly perennial plants, and it will also give the plants a much better start. At the moment that's what they have in there and the stock currently includes lupins, astrantias rudbeckias and hosters."

The new glasshouse is open to the public daily from 9.30am.

### Man is cleared of sex allegation

A MAN has been cleared of having sex with a 12-year-old girl.

Zak Willsmer, 22, of Laburnum Drive in Oswestry, denied the allegation and was acquitted by a jury at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Friday.

The jury returned an unanimous verdict of not guilty on Willsmer, who stood accused of having sex with the child at his flat in Bailey Street in August 2013.

The court had heard that the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had gone to the flat with Willsmer, a friend of his, and a friend of hers.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Historic day to be recognised

WELSHPOOL is launching its own programme of events to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day and that of VJ day, the 75th anniversary of Battle of Britain and the on going centenary of the First World War.

The programme will officially be launched tomorrow (Friday) at mid-day with the release off 70 balloons outside the Town Hall.

A VE Day exhibition will take place on Friday and Saturday in the Corn Exchange with Churchill's victory speech relayed to the public outside the town hall at 3pm followed by the crowning of the victory queen. A film about breaking the Enigma code will be shown in the town hall on Monday while a senior citizens party will be held in the town hall on Tuesday.

### Concert will aid eisteddfod funds

FUNDRAISING for the National Eisteddfod, which will take place in Meifod, will be set for a boost thanks to an event which will be held in Welshpool later this month.

Popular North Wales singing personality Tammy Jones is booked to make a return appearance to Welshpool.

Money raised from the concert will go towards the National Eisteddfod at Meifod.

The concert will take place at the Methodist Church on Saturday, May 30.

Tickets to the fundraising concert are £5.

They are available in advance from Welshpool Jewellers or Pethe Powys in Severn Street.

# Nature reserve to host celebration of wildlife

Report by Andrew Morris

**A CELEBRATION of Montgomeryshire's wildlife is being held at Llyn Coed y Dinas Nature Reserve in Welshpool for people of all ages later this month.**

The Festival of Wildlife, run by the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust, aims to raise awareness of the variety of species and habitats the county has to offer, while also showcasing the work of the trust across Montgomeryshire.

Organisers say the event will provide plenty of things to do for all the family.

"It's all about getting people to engage with the natural world around them and showing them what they can do to help the wildlife on their doorstep" said Abi Crutcher, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust's education officer.

"There will be plenty to see and do for people of all ages and lots of opportunities to help local wildlife and support the work of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust".

The Festival of Wildlife is being held on May 23 from 11am to 4pm.

Visitors will be able to take part in practical demonstrations and fun family activities while learning more about species identification and the importance of recording.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust will be joined by wildlife experts, partner organisations and local nature craft artists. Refreshments will also be available.

For more information, visit [www.montwt.co.uk](http://www.montwt.co.uk) or contact the trust office.



All sorts of activities including storytelling sessions will be held at the celebration

### Running of centre set to change

WELSHPOOL'S Flash Leisure Centre will be run by a not-for-profit company based in East Sussex under money saving plans by the county council.

Powys County Council announced last year that it was putting the management of the leisure centres out to tender as it struggled to deal with cuts. Wealden Leisure Ltd, which trades as Freedom Leisure, will take control of 15 centres across the county on July 1.

Four firms submitted bids to run the council's leisure centres along with one outdoor centre in the county.

Wealden Leisure was set up in 2002 and has a number of contracts in south east England.

Paul Griffiths, strategic director of place at the council, said: "I am pleased to announce that Wealden Leisure Limited, trading as Freedom Leisure have been appointed to deliver Leisure Services in the county and have received a conditional award."

"The company will deliver the Leisure Management Contract in partnership with the county council from July 1."

### New exhibition open at vineyard

A VINEYARD on the Powys/Shropshire border is hosting an exhibition at its art gallery.

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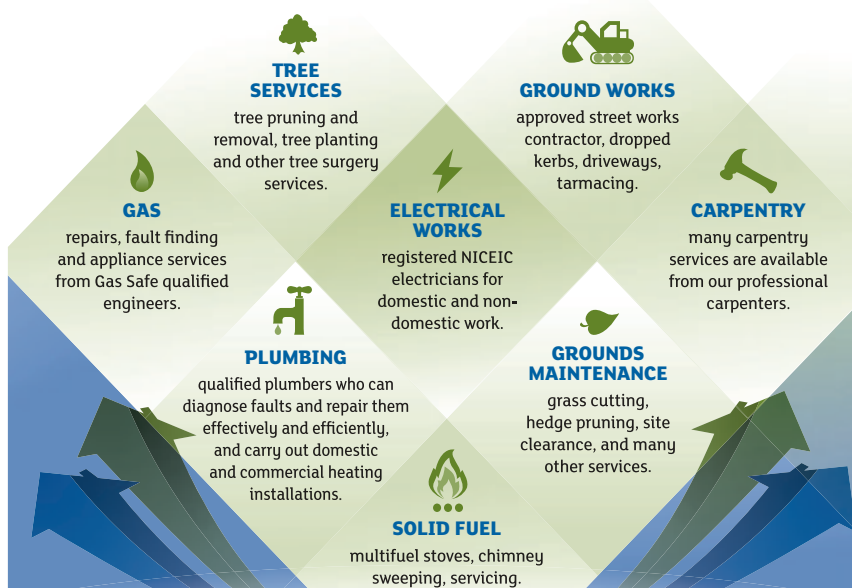
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## Woman airlifted after car crash

A WOMAN was airlifted to hospital after a two-car crash on crossroads in Llanymynech.

The collision happened on the A483 trunk road as it goes through the village.

Two ambulances and a Wales Air Ambulance helicopter were sent to the scene. The helicopter landed close to the Cross Keys Hotel, where the trunk road crosses the B4398 at the centre of the village near Oswestry.

The road was blocked following the accident, which happened at around noon on Saturday.

A spokesman for Wales Ambulance Service said: "One female casualty was conveyed to University Hospital of North Staffordshire by helicopter."

He said the full nature of the woman's injuries were not yet known, but were not believed to be life-threatening.

Police also attended the scene to assist with traffic management while the blocked road was cleared. No-one else involved in the accident suffered injuries.

## Singers looking for new members

WESTON Rhyn Singers is looking for new members to swell its ranks on Monday evenings.

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Choir secretary Phyllis Edwards said: "We sing popular tunes from the shows and many more. Singing provides a healthy social forum plus gives a sense of pride being part of a friendly organisation with members of all ages from across the local areas."

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# Man jailed for a year for bottle attack in street

Report by Emma Walker

**A MAN who launched a drunken attack on another man with a bottle in a street has been jailed.**

Joe Sky Davidson, 28, was staying with a friend at the time and had spent the night drinking.

He had far too much to drink including ten pints of Guinness and several shorts, a court heard.

In that condition, he took offence when the victim Robert Lewis indicated that he did not want the defendant to accompany him and his friends to another man's house at the end of the night.

"Instead of leaving matters be, during a struggle you hit him below the chin with a broken bottle," Judge Rhys Rowlands said.

The victim was conscious of the resulting scar and Judge Rowlands said that a couple of inches either way and it would have been much worse.

Davidson admitted a wounding charge at an earlier hearing.

Judge Rowlands, sitting at Mold Crown Court, jailed him for a year.

He said that it was drunken street violence in the early hours involving the use of glass which caused an unpleasant injury.

Davidson, of High Street, Llanfyllin, had denied a charge of wounding Mr Lewis with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm following the incident at Machynlleth on December 1, 2013. But his guilty plea to a straight wounding charge, which he indicated at a preliminary stage, was accepted by the prosecution.

The court heard Mr Lewis was fully recovered but had been left with a scar. Matthew Corbett-Jones, defending, said Davidson was full of remorse.

## Plant hunters urged to attend event



Christine and Nic Ffoulkes Jones and Kenny Anthonisz from the British Ironwork Centre

ANYONE with a garden, window box or just a few flowerpots is being urged to go along to a charity Plant Hunter's Fair.

The British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry is holding the inaugural event on May 17.

During the day a host of experts and producers will be setting up

stalls with everything from herbs to exotic blooms, all set within the picturesque grounds.

Specialists will be on hand to offer help and advice on which plants to buy and how to care for them.

Entry to the fair will cost £1 and all money raised from the entry fee will be donated to Hope House Chil-

dren's hospice. One of the companies taking part is Hall Farm Nursery based at Kinnerley.

Christine Ffoulkes Jones from the nursery said: "It is absolutely lovely to be having a plant fair in the Oswestry area, and what better place than at the ironwork centre. We all hope for good weather."

## Friends cut off hair in support of wig charity

A GIRL inspired by her sister's fight against cancer has been joined by a friend in cutting off their hair to make wigs for other sick children.

Amy Evans, 10, and Hannah Shirley Smith, 9, both from Llangadfan, have donated their hair to the Little Princess Charity, which will use it to make wigs for children affected by cancer and other illnesses.

The charity had provided a wig for Amy's younger sister Bethan when she lost her hair while undergoing treatment for the rare cancer Ewings Sarcoma in 2012.


The pair were joined in donating their hair by Kate Pinder, 34, of Llangadfan, whose son attends school with Bethan.

Amy and Bethan's mum, Lynne Evans, said she was proud of the girls for donating their hair because the wigs would make a huge difference to a child's life - as it had for her daughter.

She said: "Looking at it from a little girl's point of view, losing her hair told the world there was something wrong with her and for Bethan, having hair on her head meant that people did not look at her. I know they look through sympathy but Bethan always struggled with that and when she had her wig on she had a bit of normality, it just allowed her to feel normal."

"She didn't wear it at home, she just wore it at school and when we went out but it made a real difference."


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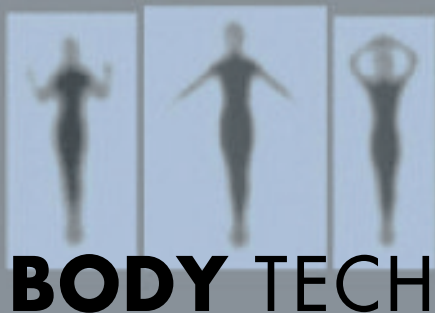
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## Rail station car parking funds given

WELSHPOOL station car park will be extended to cope with extra passengers after the Welsh Government allocated £31,000 for the work.

Transport Minister Edwina Hart announced the funding for the extension to meet expected increased demand from the new Cambrian Line rail services.

New peak hourly trains between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury for most of the day will start next month.

After meeting with the Mid Wales Railways Implementation Group about expected passenger numbers, the Minister has provided the funding for Welshpool Town Council to extend parking facilities.

Mrs Hart said: "We expect the extra services between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury will increase demand at Welshpool so it is important we increase parking capacity at the station and encourage more people to park and ride."

"This investment demonstrates our commitment to supporting public transport, which is a vital way for many people, including some of the most vulnerable in our society, to access jobs and services particularly in rural areas."

Four additional return services will operate between Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, Mondays to Saturdays.

## Water fun planned

TEAMS are busy signing up to a major charity event in Shropshire which is often used by businesses as a team building opportunity.

The Macmillan Coracle World Championships will take place in Shrewsbury on September 11.

For more information, email coracleworldchampionships@gmail.com

# High Street firms sign up to Oswestry Chamber of Commerce group

Report by Pam Kingsley

**KEY High Street names have signed up to Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, bosses have revealed.**

Chamber chairman Jools Payne said: "We have a terrific independent shopping offer in Oswestry, but I'm proud to say that the chamber is also attracting membership from some of the big High Street chains too, and I am pleased to say that three major retail chains Boots, Timpson and Max Spielmann have also recognised that now is a good time to join Oswestry Chamber of Commerce."

"We have one simple goal, to maximise all opportunities to promote and advance Oswestry and the surrounding districts at every level."

"We are a progressive chamber, keen to positively influence decision-making within the town for the well-being of all businesses and the town as a whole."

"Chamber is not an organisation exclusively for the retail sector. That said, we are enormously proud of the national award-winning destination retailers we have in our midst. The town centre's retail environment is undoubtedly facing a challenge, but the conditions are right to be very ambitious and positive about Oswestry's town centre future."

"It is chamber's key role to lobby hard for the town council to invest monies from the Smithfield development back into the very heart of the town centre to create a truly compelling shopping and lifestyle environment."

## It's celebration time for store



A selection of what is on offer at Nikki's Boutique

A POPULAR independent store is celebrating 23 years of business in Welshpool and five years of business in Oswestry.

Nikki's Boutique was established in Welshpool selling ladies and children's fashion clothing and accessories and later expanded into Oswestry.

Nikki Stafford-Lawrence from the business said: "Nikkis offers a wide collection of ladies fashion including casual wear to versatile separates and pretty dresses for any occasion."

"There is a wide selection of jewellery to complement your outfit or give as a gift."

"Our collections come from all over Europe, at affordable prices, and we pride ourselves on the fact we have a limited number of a style, so unlike high street store fashion you are unlikely to see someone else in the same outfit."

"We have regular deliveries every week, adding changing and exciting pieces into the stores."

"We have a great collection of fashion jewellery to accessorize any outfit."

"We have a wide selection of the famous Danish design Pilgrim. We also stock a lovely silver company that has great solid silver bangles, necklaces, earring and bracelets at really great prices."

"If you are buying a gift for someone special, we will gift wrap it free of charge."

"If you are looking to revamp your wardrobe, Nikkis is the shop to visit."

## New rules on rights are set to come in

BUSINESSES will need to get their heads around new legislation relating to the sale of goods and services – and an Oswestry-based law firm has some tips.

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 will bring in some changes in the autumn, and lawyers at Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors are advising business owners to get up to speed on the new regulations.

Brian Evans, head of commercial dispute resolution at the law firm, based in Church Street, said the new rules were designed to make things simpler.

He said: "For the last few years, the law on defective goods has been a confusing mix of homegrown and EU law."

"Some remedies for consumers come from the Sale of Goods Act and case law, and some from the EU Consumer Rights Directive, which gave consumers the right to a repair or replacement and in certain circumstances the right to reject the goods and get a refund, or pay a reduced price. The Consumer Rights Act 2015 aims to simplify and clarify the law relating to the sale of goods and services."

"We would strongly advise any businesses which are involved with the sale of goods or services to understand how the new rules will affect them, or you could be at risk of not complying if a customer complains."

The main changes include a new short-term right to reject defective goods within 30 days rather than the current uncertain "reasonable time" period, and if the consumer opts for a repair the trader gets only one chance to make the repair before the consumer can insist on a price reduction or a final right to reject.

For more advice, contact Lanyon Bowdler on 01691 652241.

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## Strength of dollar leads to sales dip

THE owner of Cadbury, which employs around 240 people in Chirk near Oswestry, has seen its sales plummet as a result of the strength of the American dollar.

Mondelez International, which has a factory at Chirk which processes cocoa beans and makes Cadbury hot chocolate, saw revenue fall by 10.2 per cent to US \$7.76 billion (£5 billion) in the first quarter of the year.

Because such a large proportion of sales for the company, which also includes the Belvita, Oreos and Ritz crackers brands, comes from international markets, it is heavily affected by changes in the value of currencies.

That wiped 14.5 per cent from the value of its sales, which would otherwise have been 3.8 per cent higher.

The Chirk base processes 180 tonnes of cocoa beans.

The company recently invested £3.4 million in the plant, allowing it to produce the drinking chocolate brand.

Sales in Europe were 16.4 per cent lower at US \$2.98 billion (£1.93 billion), again as a result of currency translation, while its "power brands" such as Dairy Milk brought in US \$5.4 billion (£3.5 billion) – 8.3 per cent less than for the same period last year.

Chairman and chief executive Irene Rosenfeld said: "We're making good progress executing our transformation agenda."

"Our solid first quarter positions us well to deliver our full year 2015 outlook and 2016 margin targets."

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# Inspector makes appeal for evidence over road

Report by Andrew Morris

**A PLANNING inspector has said he will need "compelling" evidence to justify compulsory purchase orders which could force people out of their homes and businesses to move to pave the way for a £56 million bypass.**

William Wadrup said he has received "substantial" support for the building of a bypass in Newtown, but has also received about 70 objections.

It has previously been claimed that re-routing the bypass through the town's Moedre Industrial Estate could jeopardise up to 1,000 jobs.

There have been worries that there will be moves to suggest an alternative to the proposed "orange" route – which would take the trunk road directly through the industrial estate. In that instance, compulsory purchase orders could be issued to release the land for the new road.

During a pre-inquiry hearing in Newtown last week, Mr Wadrup said he wanted to hear as many views on the bypass as possible. He said: "I need to be convinced there is a compelling case for any compulsory purchase orders for public land."

"It is going to be an interesting inquiry and I want to hear from people in the town ahead of what will be a major project for the future of the area." The inquiry, which is expected to last up to three weeks, will be held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel in Newtown, starting on June 25.

## Sun shining on firm's green plans



Calvin Jones, left, from iGreen Energy with WPG's Paul Jones

THE sun is shining on Welshpool Printing Group which aims to slash 20 per cent off its electricity bill thanks to a new solar energy system.

iGreen Energy Ltd, based in St Martins, near Oswestry, has installed 181 solar panels on the roof at WPG Ltd on Severn Farm Enterprise Park, Welshpool.

The 50 kilowatt system will pay for itself within five years and qualified for a Carbon Trust loan.

The system is projected to produce 42,000 units of electricity a year but in the first month alone it has generated 5,000 units, which augurs well for the future.

iGreen Energy, which is run by Calvin Jones, specialises in providing business and residential customers with practical solutions for reducing energy usage and CO2 emissions, which ultimately save money.

The company installs SunEdison solar pv panels, which have a 25-year warranty.

"I chose SunEdison panels because the 25-year warranty is a unique selling point, they are very well made and they also look good on the roof," explained Calvin.

Paul Jones, WPG's managing director, said he was delighted by the electricity generated in the first month and with the way the project was handled from start to finish. "The project links in well with our ISO14001 environmental management standard and the business's quest for continuous improvement," he added.

## Car group makes new appointment

AN experienced chartered accountant has been appointed by the Arthurs car dealer group to facilitate the progress of its expanding business.

Paul Warren, 33, has joined the group to oversee the financial controls and assist the management team in growing the business still further in the coming months.

Paul has previously worked for national accountancy firms and more latterly was with a motor trade specialist business.

Paul is based at Arthurs head office in Oswestry.

He spent seven years with Whittingham Riddell, five years with Mazars and the last three years with ASE who are motor trade accountancy specialists.

He said: "It is a great opportunity for me to be able to develop my career with a highly reputable growing group such as Arthurs and having trained in Shropshire and living in Oswestry I am very much looking forward to being part of the Arthurs team."

Nigel Williams, Arthurs managing director, said: "I am delighted Paul has accepted this position."

"This appointment follows on from the opening of our new Peugeot dealership in Wrexham and he will assist us in adding further businesses in the future."

## Advice will be on offer

A FREE breakfast meeting will be held at Oswestry Cricket Club on July 2 to look at workplace pensions and tax savings for business.

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# Tributes paid to former branch group secretary

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**TRIBUTES** have been paid to a former NFU branch group secretary who died at the weekend.

Members of the Oswestry and District NFU branch said they were very saddened to learn of the passing of David Pritchard on Sunday.

Mr Pritchard was the NFU branch group secretary and NFU Mutual agent from 1980 to his retirement in 2009, looking after many farming families in the Oswestry and surrounding areas. Originating from Kent and having previously worked for the NFU Mutual in their head office in Stratford, Mr Pritchard moved to the Oswestry NFU office at the Old Chapel, English Walls taking over from Dennis Sharpe in 1980.

Starting in a difficult period, where NFU membership was waning, Mr Pritchard quickly went about building up relationships and securing local farmers' trust through his warm and approachable character and genuine passion as an NFU group secretary, seeing him take the branch from strength to strength, with Oswestry becoming the largest NFU branch office in the West Midlands region.

Stuart Chacksfield, NFU group secretary in Oswestry, said: "David's legacy is the passion and commitment still shown today by the current NFU group secretaries and staff, many of whom started their careers with David and continue to strive to provide the best support and professional advice for their farming members and customers. David will be sadly missed by all as a pillar of the local farming community and friend."



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Members of the Historia Normannis group enjoy their breakfast



Michelle Gardner with Talon at Whittington Castle

# Invasion at castle

Report by Thomas Morton

**THE Normans took over Whittington Castle when history enthusiasts took a step back in time.**

More than 300 medieval-mad history buffs took up residence at the castle for a three-day extravaganza of all things Norman.

The huge re-enactment event at the weekend included weapon displays, a medieval market and pitched battles to recreate the battle of 1173 at the castle.

The fight was one of the first in a conflict that would see England slide into civil war as Henry the Young King, who ruled alongside his father Henry II, rebelled – but died of dysentery 10 years later, asking to be reconciled with his father on his death bed.

Modern day knights, squires, barons and maids from all over the UK were at the castle to pay tribute to the era.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said the re-enactors had been staging battles throughout the Bank Holiday weekend for visitors to enjoy.

She said: "We've had Normans from all over – Edinburgh, Nottingham, Aberystwyth and Winchester. They're all part of the same large group, Historia Normannis."

"They have had a historic camp at the castle site, and also a camp at Whittington School, there were at least 300 of them here."

"They were originally a group of mainly history students from Bangor and Aberystwyth universities who used to get together. Now they've all gone out into the world and gone their separate ways they've each formed groups where they are."

"We're really pleased with the way it's gone. It's our major fundraiser for the castle each year, it's how we keep the castle open," she said.



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## Cinema listings

### AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (12A)



Marvelous fun – 7/10

In the breathless action sequence which opens the film, the Avengers storm a Hydra stronghold. As the story unfolds rivalries between the heroes intensify and fragile bonds of trust fray as mankind's survival hangs in the balance. Thankfully, the Avengers have a new, yet familiar, ally: an android called Vision (Paul Bettany).

### CHILD 44 (15)



Slow thriller – 7/10

War-hardened Russian soldier Leo Demidov (Tom Hardy) is determined to unmask the murderer of his friend's son despite Stalin's assertion there can be no murder in his Communist paradise. Based on the real life case of Andrei Chikatilo, the so-called Butcher of Rostov, who was sentenced to death for 52 murders.

### A LITTLE CHAOS (12A)



A grower – 7/10

King Louis XIV hires renowned landscape gardener Andre Le Notre to transform the grounds of Versailles into a fantasia "of exquisite and matchless beauty". He hires a team of landscaper including Sabine De Barra (Kate Winslet) who catches his eye. She flouts the normal rigid form of planting and her arrival at court sets tongues wagging.

### THE SALVATION (15)



Revenge drama – 7/10

Jon (Mads Mikkelsen) settles on the outskirts of the godforsaken town of Black Creek, where he establishes a homestead. His wife Marie (Nanna Oland Fabricius) and young son Kresten (Toke Lars Bjarke) follow some years later but the fearful family reunion culminates in the rape and slaughter of mother and child. Consumed by grief, Jon hunts down those responsible.

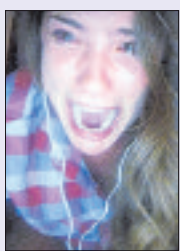
### THE DUFF (12A)



Big laughs – 9/10

Bianca (Mae Whitman) attends parties with her best friends Jess and Casey oblivious to the fact that she is the D.U.F.F. – Designated Ugly Fat Friend – of her close-knit social circle. When her next-door neighbour, hunky athlete Wesley opens Bianca's eyes to the upsetting truth, she resolves to transform from an ugly duckling.

### UNFRIENDED (15)



Facespook – 6/10

It is the one-year anniversary of the death of student Laura Barnes who committed suicide. During video chats Laura's friends notice an uninvited user, billie227, gatecrashing their conversations apparently using Laura's Facebook account. The friends are convinced that classmate Val is responsible and they attempt to unmask her as the troll.

# Comedy tent line up revealed for V Fest



Frankie Boyle will be at V Festival

## Report by Rachel Jenkins

**CONTROVERSIAL comedian Frankie Boyle is set to headline the comedy stage at this year's V Festival to celebrate the event's 20th anniversary.**

Boyle will headline the Glee Club Comedy Tent alongside Russell Kane, who said he will be going straight to the dance tent after his slot to celebrate.

"I can't believe I'm headlining the V Festival Glee Club Comedy Tent," Kane said.

"I will celebrate afterwards by heading straight to the Dance Tent, and throwing myself around to techno music like a tribal chief beating a drum."

The duo will also be joined by an array of other comedy acts including Seann Walsh, Shappi Khorsandi, Nick Helm and Gary Delaney.

The line-up at this year's V Festival, which is attended by many festival lovers from the Oswestry and Welshpool area, includes music legend Tom Jones, Kasabian, Calvin Harris, Grammy and 2015 Brit winner Sam Smith, fellow Brit winner Paloma Faith, Ellie Goulding and Welsh rockers Stereophonics.

Simon Moran, V Festival director, said: "We want to champion British talent at this year's festival and with the likes of Cal-



Russell Kane says he will be heading straight for the dance tent after his appearance in the Glee Club Comedy Tent

vin and Kasabian leading the way we don't think it'll disappoint.

"The eclectic mix of established artists and rising stars, with a few more in the pipeline, means that once again there is something for everyone at V Festival."

The event will be held at Weston Park on the Shropshire/Staffordshire border, with a

mirror image V taking place over the same weekend at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex. Also on the bill are Marina & The Diamonds, The Proclaimers, Jess Glynne, Andy C, The Kooks, Gregory Porter, Fuse ODG, Duke Dumont, Jessie Ware, Ella Eyre, Birmingham-born DJ Hannah Wants, Grandmaster Flash and Annie Mac.

Further performers will be announced over the coming weeks for the festival, which takes place on the weekend of August 22 and 23.

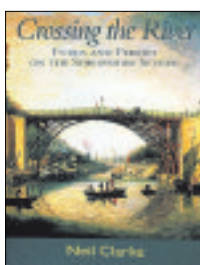
Almost 100,000 people flocked to last year's event which saw headline performances from Justin Timberlake and The Killers.

## Book reviews

### CROSSING THE RIVER

By Neil Clarke  
Published by the  
Railway & Canal  
Historical Society

Anybody who needs to cross the River Severn today will use one of the bridges which span the river. The advent of the motor car means the time deficit incurred by making a detour to a bridge is not very significant. It was different in times gone by. Rather than having to walk miles to the nearest bridge, Salopians would use their local ferry, of which there were quite a number at strategic locations, or even, in the right water conditions, simply walk across. Almost, but not quite, without excep-



tion, all the ferries have disappeared. Some were still operating within living memory – although you would have to be really getting on to recall them. Neil Clarke tells their stories. Fascinating.  
By Toby Neal

### PIZZA FOR PIRATES

By Adam Guillain  
and Charlotte Guillain  
Illustrated by Lee Wildish  
Published by Egmont  
George, a young explorer, longs to meet a real pirate crew.

So he sets sail with a cheesy treat to sustain him on his voyage.

Children (and their parents) will join George on his travels as he finds scurrious sea dogs and marine monsters – not to mention a feathered friend.

This is a funny, fast-paced, rhyming story that ticks plenty of boxes for younger children – pirates, buried treasure, monsters and an intrepid



hero. The rhymes help keep busy minds engaged. The illustrations are wonderful – bright, bold and funny – and follow the style of the previous books in the George series.

By David Briggs

### PAINTING BEYOND POLLOCK

By Morgan Falconer  
Published by Phaidon  
The idiom 'never judge a book by its cover' has seldom been more fitting. Morgan Falconer's cloth-bound Painting Beyond Pollock is beige and non-descript. It is as unmemorable as lift muzak. And yet beyond the drab exterior is a book bursting with vibrancy and life. There is an explosion of colour, creativity and form. Falconer is deliciously intelligent and as well-briefed as a minister at the Dispatch Box.

He offers a well-informed overview of disparate genres, from abstract expressionism,



figurative painting and geometric abstraction through pop painting, neo-expressionism and pop romanticism.

His immersion in his subject is clear and the text leaps from the page.  
By Andy Richardson

# ↑Property

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## Family home within a very desirable area

A three-bedroomed detached family home, 32 Croeswylan Crescent, Oswestry is within walking distance of the town centre and is in one of its most desirable areas. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £239,950. Standing on a large corner plot with excellent open views to the rear, it has been extensively modernised by the current

owners to a high standard. With gas central heating, double glazing and new electrical and plumbing systems, it has an entrance hall with walnut-effect laminate flooring and stairs off, a lounge, a dining room with sliding doors to the rear garden, a kitchen/sitting room, a kitchen, a WC, utility room, an integral garage, three first floor bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside is a large rear garden with lawn and hedging and a patio area. At the side is a large carport and there is also ample off-road parking space for a number of cars and a caravan. For further information about the property contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit the website at [www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk](http://www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk)



## Home in village is a neat and well presented property

Avondale, 24 Chepstow Avenue, Guilsfield, comprises a neat, well presented and highly desirable two bedroom semi-detached bungalow. The property is on the market for £145,000 through Halls. The accommodation is well laid out and the main room is of a good size. The property has the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. For more details contact Halls on 01938 555552.



## Country property has plenty of scope for improvements

Erwallo Uchaf at Dolywern, Pontfadog, near Llangollen, is a three-bedroom country property providing ample scope for improvement with four acres of pastures. It has an adjoining barn with the potential for conversion. It is on the market with JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £235,000 and there is no chain. The accommodation comprises an entrance porch, living kitchen, sitting room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and rear porch. For more details contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



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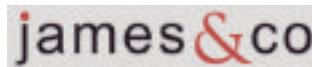
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## Former farmhouse has landscaped gardens

A detached former farmhouse, Foxes Lodge on By Pass Road in Gobowen, is situated at the end of a private driveway and located in a popular village. The property has very secluded landscaped gardens and is on the market through Town & Country for £239,500. Accommodation briefly comprises a living room, sitting area, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, utility room, two separate WCs, three bedrooms and bathroom/shower room. Externally is a double garage and ample off road parking and landscaped gardens. Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 for details.



## Home has stunning views over countryside

A rurally located detached cottage, Brwynog at Llanfihangel is on the market with Morris Marshall and Poole for £239,500. The property has stunning extensive views over the adjoining countryside. The accommodation comprises an entrance hall, a sitting room, study, living room, kitchen, a bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside pathways and steps give access to the enclosed gardens which comprise lawns, orchard, paved and grass seating areas, attached 'boiler' house with oil-fired boiler, detached stone and timber built sheds. For more details contact Morris Marshall and Poole on 01691 679595.



## Attractive extended cottage used to be two homes

Laburnum Cottage, Gwern y Brenin, Oswestry is an attractive extended cottage in a rural location just three miles from town with very good access. It is for sale through Balfours at £399,950. It has an entrance hall, sitting room, snug, kitchen/dining room, utility room, a conservatory, boot room, cloakroom, master bedroom with a balcony and en-suite, a shower room, family bathroom, three further bedrooms, a paddock, field shelter and garage. The period property was originally two cottages and has been extended to create a wonderful family house. For further information contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Lovely restored farmhouse with outbuildings

Horse owners seeking a beautifully restored period farmhouse with outbuildings, extensive landscaped gardens and productive pastureland are being advised to check out a property near Newtown. Lower Llegodig, Abermule, a spacious family home with grounds and pasture paddock extending to 7.5 acres, is on the market with agents Halls who are seeking offers in excess of £509,995. The characterful accommodation includes four reception rooms, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Viewing, which is highly recommended, is by appointment with Halls, Welshpool on 01938 555552.

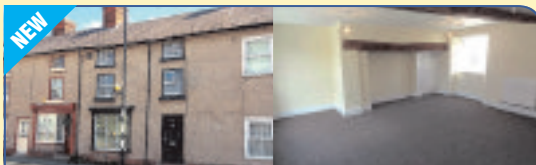


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**Croeswylan Crescent Oswestry** £239,950

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- Large Lounge/Dining Room, open plan Kitchen/Sitting Room,
- Utility and ground floor Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
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- Newly fitted Gas C/H, uPVC windows & electrical system. EPC Rating D



**Bradford Terrace Llanymynech** £129,950

- Deceptively spacious and fully renovated 4 Bedroom Village Property
- The property has been finished to a high specification
- Inglenook fireplace and exposed beams throughout
- Open plan Lounge/Dining Room, fully fitted Kitchen, Utility
- 4 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Courtyard style garden together with off-road parking
- Oil central heating. EPC Rating E



**Rhiwlas Nr Oswestry** £210,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a substantial 3 Bedroom Farmhouse with adjoining 2 Bedroom Cottage
- Standing in approximately 3 acres of pasture land, hill grazing and amenity woodland
- The property stands within an enviable position within the Berwyn Mountains between the villages of Rhiwlas and Tregeiriog with stunning views
- Both properties are in need of a scheme of modernisation but have the potential to create an excellent family residence.



**Laburnum Drive Oswestry** £129,995

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen/Dining Room
- Three good size bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Large enclosed rear garden with decked area and brick built store
- Off-road parking for two vehicles
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D



**Liverpool Road Oswestry** £139,995

- A well appointed and spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with two brick built outside storage sheds.
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating E



**Aston Way Oswestry** £136,000

- A well appointed and spacious 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Inner Hallway, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Graveled garden for ease of maintenance
- Adjoining driveway, carport and garage to the front
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- Gas fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D



**Park Street Oswestry** £267,500

- Spacious and well presented 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated on a generous corner plot in a popular residential area
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- Private off road parking, single detached garage
- Well maintained front and rear gardens.
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D



**Maesbrook Nr Oswestry** £35,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase 4.77 acres (1.93 hectares) or thereabouts of pasture land situated in picturesque open countryside just outside the village of Maesbrook
- The land currently has two gateways onto the Council maintained lane and is laid to pasture offering a host of future agricultural or equine recreational opportunities
- The land has the benefit of mains water together with a number of drainage ditches and a small pond.



**Prince Charles Road Oswestry** £149,995

- A spacious and newly refurbished 3 Bed Semi-Detached House
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- A new central heating boiler.
- Living Rm, Kitchen, 3 Beds & Family Bathrm
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- Gas C/H and uPVC D/G. EPC Rating D



**Primrose Lane Pant** £179,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Country Cottage
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- Lounge/Dining Rm & 2 First Floor Beds
- Large landscaped gardens with vegetable plots
- Recently installed Oil C/H & majority uPVC windows. EPC Rating D



**Glentworth Avenue Oswestry** £220,000

- Spacious and well appointed 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated on a generous plot on the edge of Oswestry town
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Sun Room, 4 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Good size front and rear gardens, driveway and garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D



**Shrewsbury Road Oswestry** £295,000

- A spacious 4 bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Having period features throughout. Large Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Cloakroom, Boiler Room, Cellar
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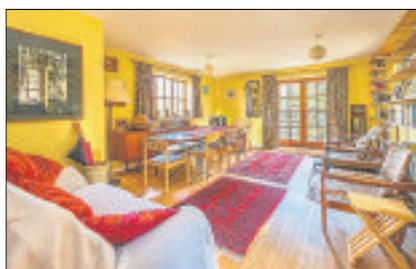
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## Property in town offers spacious accommodation

7a Bridge Street in Llanfyllin comprises a period three storey terraced town house of pleasant rendered elevations under a pitched slated roof. The property is on the market through Halls with offers in the region of £105,000. It offers spacious and adaptable accommodation which provides for a sitting room with open fireplace, fitted kitchen, cellar, first floor landing, bedroom, bathroom and a further two bedrooms on the second floor. Outside to the rear of the property are the gardens comprising a concrete patio area with herbaceous and shrub flowerbeds. Contact Halls on 01938 555552 for more details.

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## Country residence has a garden stream

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## Detached bungalow in excellent condition

A modern detached bungalow in an excellent condition, 24 Maes-y-Dderwen, Llanfyllin comes with attractive landscaped gardens. It is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £210,000. The property has an entrance hall, a lounge and patio doors to a conservatory. There is also a kitchen/breakfast room, a master bedroom en-suite and two further bedrooms, and a bathroom. Outside the property there is a large block paved parking area, extensively landscaped garden with a timber cabin/workshop. For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or visit [www.morrismarshall.co.uk](http://www.morrismarshall.co.uk)

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- 3-bed detached bungalow
- Central heating & double glazing
- Delightful gardens with views
- Village location
- Local amenities nearby
- EPC Rating: D

£650 pcm

#### Smithfield Road, Oswestry



# LET

- 2-bed split-level Apartment
- Gas central heating
- Well maintained throughout
- Town centre location
- Sorry no pets
- EPC Rating: E

£450 pcm

#### Sandford Court, Church Stretton



# LET

- 2-bed modern apartment
- Gas fired central heating
- Workshop/Store & Garage
- Convenient town location
- EPC Rating: C

£525 pcm

#### Greenfields, Shrewsbury



# LET

- 2-bed first Floor Apartment
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Allocated car parking
- Good location with nearby amenities
- Walking distance to town centre
- EPC Rating: C

£595 pcm

#### Brockton, Near Worthen



# LET

- 2-bed Ground Floor Apartment
- Well maintained accommodation
- Parking and rear garden area
- Rural Views to the rear
- Village amenities nearby
- EPC Rating: E

£400 pcm

#### Tilbrook Drive, Shrewsbury



# LET

- 2-bed semi detached bungalow
- Gas central heating
- Garden areas and garage
- Established residential area
- EPC Rating: D

£575 pcm

#### Clungunford, Near Craven Arms



# LET

- 3-bed semi-detached house
- LPG gas central heating
- Good sized gardens
- Rural village location
- EPC rating: F

£595 pcm

#### Cherry Orchard, Shrewsbury



# LET

- 2-bedroom semi detached house
- Sitting room with woodburner
- Cellar and outside toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Nice rear garden
- EPC Rating: D

£650 pcm

#### Shrewsbury Town Centre



# LET

- 1-bed first floor apartment
- Redecorated throughout
- Intercom entry system
- Town centre location
- EPC Rating: F

#### Dorrington, Near Shrewsbury



# LET

- Detached 3-bedroom house
- Master Bedroom with en suite
- Gas fired central heating
- Off-road car parking and gardens
- EPC Rating: D

£695 pcm

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## Name of one man and his boat is still a mystery



The unidentified man with the Muckleston canoe

IT'S one man and his boat – a boat which has helped put an area near Market Drayton on the map among researchers of prehistoric Britain.

But we've found ourselves on the creek without a paddle when, in captioning this picture which we carried a few weeks ago, we said that the gentleman was "presumably" Mr Dennis, who had discovered the wooden dugout canoe in the River Tern near Oakley Hall around the late 1920s.

"We had a bit of a laugh about that," said one reader who gave us a call.

"Mr Dennis was a very smart gentleman."

He thought that instead the person pictured – in our defence there was no name on the original caption – was a workman of some sort.

And 83-year-old Mrs June Humphreys also gave us a call to put us right.

"Mr Dennis would never have dressed in that fashion. And he would have had nicer hands than that."

"Those are a workman's hands, and the clothes are workman's clothes," she said.

Mrs Humphreys lives now in Oswestry, but used to live at Muckleston Lodge.

Her name in those days was Mrs June Pierce, wife of the late Derek Pierce, and she thought that the man pictured might be a Mr George, whose first name she did not know.

The photo dates from February 1959 and shows what Mr Dennis, who lived at Park House, Oakley, called the Oakley Canoe, which went to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery which gave it the name the Muckleston Canoe.

It was thought to be between 3,000 and 4,000 years old.

It remains in the possession of the Birmingham museum to this day, but is not on display and is in store.

The story Mrs Humphreys recalls about the canoe is this: "I have got a recollection of my husband and the rest of them coming down to Muckleston Lodge and saying they had to open the sluice gates from the lake behind Oakley Hall because it was getting too full with the heavy rains and this piece of wood had come out as the water dropped."

Our other contributor, a 57-year-old local man who prefers not to be named, said: "As a child I was taken to Birmingham and shown the canoe when it was in the main museum."

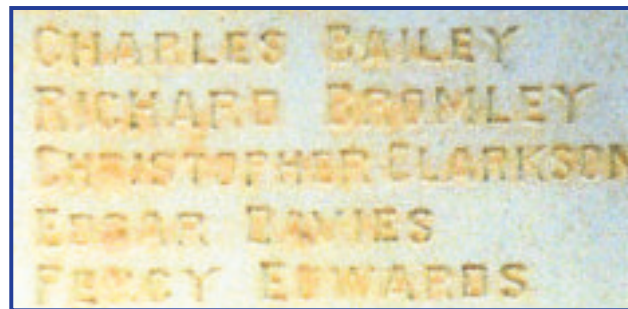
"That was probably some time in the late 1960s. Then it disappeared into the store since."

He sees the discovery of the canoe at Oakley as tying in with various other prehistoric artifacts and monuments within the locality, and suggests that the area was at the time a sort of nexus of different rivers and waterways.

In other words, the Oakley "canoe man" (or woman) would have had easy access to a whole network of routes.



British infantry advancing through gas at the Battle of Loos on September 25, 1915



The name of Private Richard Bromley on the St Martins war memorial

# Forgotten victim of war finally honoured

AFTER almost a century being a forgotten victim of the Great War, work by a team of modern researchers has finally ensured that Shropshire soldier Richard Bromley's name has been added to the official list of casualties of the conflict.

Private Bromley slipped through the net because he died, not in battle, but at his father's house, 2 The Moors, St Martins, even as the war still raged.

Cause of his death on February 1, 1918, aged 24, was given as acute nephritis, which is inflammation of the kidneys, and anasarca, which is general swelling.

### Digging

But even though a wartime medical report directly linked his nephritis with his active service, blaming it on exposure to cold and wet, Private Bromley's name was not recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

He was, however, honoured on the village war memorial and it was while researching that memorial that researcher and amateur Great War historian Phil Smith-Morris of Shrewsbury came across Private Bromley's name.

Curious because of the CWGC's lack of a record of him, he began to do some digging to find out why he was missing.

The upshot is, after the work of Phil and others, his name has been added to the United Kingdom Book of Remembrance.

This commemorates United Kingdom casualties of the two world wars who were not formerly recorded by the CWGC. Not all is good news.

It seems that over the years Richard's grave location has been lost.

## MEMORY LANE

Report by Toby Neal

"Neil Evans, who is a fellow researcher who has been working with me on many projects, and myself spent a day searching the churchyard to no avail."

No records could be found to locate his grave," said Phil.

Private Bromley served in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and was wounded on two separate occasions in 1915.

He was shot in his left hand during the great offensive of Loos in September and it was shortly after his admission to hospital that he developed nephritis.

He was finally discharged from the Army as no longer physically fit for active service in April 1916.

As he lay in his hospital bed in the Royal Salop Infirmary, he wrote a pleading letter to the War Office, essentially asking if he could be given a discharged soldier's medal to prove that he had done his bit.

"I was discharged from H.M. Forces, having been wounded, and disabled, September 25th, 1915, and I have been in hospital since, now I am among (? the word is obscured) civilians and should like (next word obscured) to show that I had done my duty," he wrote.

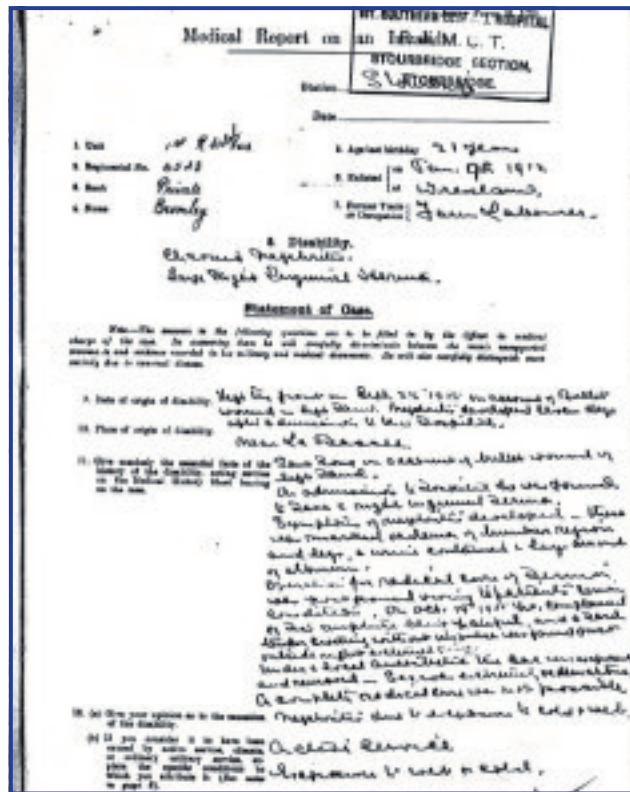
### Successful

Whether or not his plea was successful, Private Bromley had not long to live.

Phil said: "Richard Bromley is one of many Shropshire servicemen who came home, sometimes discharged from active service due to wounds or disease, only to die early."

"But in many cases their deaths were never reported to the military authorities so therefore they never got the proper recognition they rightfully deserved as a casualty of war."

"Richard returned to civilian life with spells in and out of hospital for treatment, but the effects of his war service never left him."



A medical report which blamed Private Bromley's illness on his war service

## Obelisk would have been seen for miles

IN its better days it would have been visible for miles around from its elevated spot south west of Broseley.

But in its final days few people would have known the Shirlett Obelisk even existed, cloaked as it was amid trees which had grown up all around it.

And if you want to go and see it yourself, sorry, you've missed it. It was pulled down, toppled using a winch, and not really all that long ago.

It was done because it was considered a health and safety risk and was judged to be close to collapse.

The stories about why it was built in the first place are variations on a theme.

British History Online, says: "Perhaps by 1803, a chimney-like obelisk had been built in Shirlett, reputedly by George Forester (died 1811), squire of Willey, either to mark the spot where a dog fell to its death or as the plinth of a pole from which a flag flew when Forester was at



Only remnants of the obelisk were visible by July 2008 home." According to the late Dennis Mason of Benthall, it was known as The Monument, and was a monument to one of Lord Forester's dogs.

"You could see the monument quite well from the Bridgmont road going to Broseley from the top of Norderley Bank," he said.

One popular tale is that a retriever disappeared down a pit shaft. Another story is that it commemorates a favourite horse.

And it has also been suggested that the obelisk had a practical purpose. Charles Foulkes, whose father Tom was head gamekeeper, was to recall that his mother and father used to run up a plain green flag on a flagstaff which extended above the pillar to indicate that Lord Forester was in residence at Willey.

This meant anyone planning to travel from afar to see him would be saved a wasted journey if they saw no flag flying.

When was it demolished? According to an estate worker who was involved in the job, it was in or about November 2006.

Do you have any old pictures or tales from the past to share with our readers? Email [toby.neal@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:toby.neal@shropshirestar.co.uk)



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The Marches School's under 15 netball team



Oswestry School fielded a team in the school's football tournament



Ioan Delahay, left, and Jacob Munro with Paul Sackey



Graham Kros from MD Warriors martial arts club trains some of the pupils during the Marches School's sports fair

## Young show off sporting skills

**YOUNGSTERS** in schools in and around the Oswestry area have been showing off their sporting prowess.

Students from The Marches School travelled to Hadley Learning Centre for the under 15 county netball tournament.

The Marches began the tournament with an impressive 17-0 win against HLC and followed this with a fantastic team performance against Bridgnorth Endowed School, winning 11-1.

In the next game, the team narrowly lost to Abraham Darby Academy, but went through to the semi-final as group winners, where they competed against Ludlow School for a place in the final.

At half time, The Marches were losing 6-0 but at the final whistle, the girls had secured six goals and only narrowly missed out on a spot in the final, losing 8-6.

As part of The Marches School's developing community partnership with the Wasps rugby team, ex-England international Paul Sackey visited the school.

During his visit to Oswestry, he worked with

**Report by Sue Austin**

Year 7 boys out on the school rugby field, where he organised games and drills and ran a question and answer session.

Meanwhile the Marches School recently hosted a sports fair.

Primary schools from around the area tried out some sports activities and learned more about the sport programme offered by the school.

Oswestry School recently hosted an annual under 11 primary schools six-a-side football tournament.

This year there was a record number of schools who entered the competition. Some excellent football was played with some highly competitive and very close matches.

The winners were The Meadows in the large school category, Morda and Weston Rhyn in the medium school category and Criffins in the small school category.

On the same day, Oswestry School also hosted a friendly rugby tournament for Year 7 teams to enable the younger rugby squads in the area to gain match experience.



Action from Oswestry School's rugby tournament



Children had great fun at the Marches School sports fair



Primary schools around Oswestry attended the Marches School sports fair



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## Retirement sees auction of farming machinery

A FARMER'S decision to retire has resulted in a machinery auction near Shrewsbury next week.

The auction, being organised by regional auctioneers firm Halls on behalf of John Reece, will be at Yew Tree Farm, Newton, Berwick on Saturday, May 16.

"The range of machinery may be comparatively small, but is mainly new, little used and very well maintained," said Halls' director David Giles.

"Of particular note is a 2002 MF4345 tractor which we understand to be one of the last eight built at Banner Lane before the factory was closed.

"Add to this the fact that it has only done 712 hours work at the time of cataloguing and is all mechanical with no electronics."

Other machinery and vehicles on offer include a Ferguson T20 tractor, a 1995 Matbro 404 teleshift and a 1991 Land Rover Discovery. The sale will also feature a selection of implements, the contents of a workshop and 124 quadrant silage bales.

Meanwhile, two generations of dairy farming came to an end with the sale of a dairy herd at auction by Halls.

Comprising 133 Friesian dairy cattle in milk or in-calf, the herd was sold by Halls at Shrewsbury Auction Centre on behalf of Messrs BH, P and G Shropshire, of Wall Furlong Farm, Sidbury, Bridgnorth.

After deciding to cease milk production, the important dispersal sale will see the entire milking portion of the family's long-founded, home-bred dairy herd.

"After two generations in the dairy industry, the family has decided to cease milk production to focus on livestock and arable farming," said David Giles, a director of Halls and the company's dairy specialist.

"The herd has been bred to Friesian bulls from the noted Deansgate herd for a number of years, all through natural service, to produce compact, wearing cows with good udders, 70 per cent of which are in their third, second or third lactation."

## Pests prompt 2,600 calls in just one year

PEST controllers were called to deal with nearly 2,600 cases in Shropshire in one year – and the pesky wasp remains one of the biggest headaches, according to the latest figures.

Neighbouring Telford & Wrekin had one of the lowest rates in the country, however, with just 302 call-outs to deal with pests during the 2013/14 financial year.

The figures, supplied by the British Pest Control Association (BPCA), show that Shropshire Council dealt with 2,295 incidents with pests during 2013/14, amounting to 7.5 per 1,000 people. In Telford & Wrekin, the figure was just 1.81 per 1,000 people, although this is partly down to the fact that the authority only deals with rats and mice.

Of the 315 councils which provided figures, Shropshire Council had the 156th-highest number of call-outs, compared to Telford which had the 13th-lowest number. Wasps proved to be the biggest bugbear in Shropshire district, attracting 1,137 calls, with rats coming in second place with 558 incidents.

There were no calls about cockroaches.

In Telford & Wrekin, 251 calls related to rats, 43 were about mice, and eight about wasps. The authority does not deal with any other pests.

The number of reported instances in Shropshire showed a slight increase on 2012/13, when there were 2,069 cases. However, it is a big fall compared to 2011/12, when there were 3,516 call-outs – 2,086 relating to wasps.

Telford & Wrekin has seen year-on-year falls in the number of call-outs, with 514 reported cases in 2011/12, and 339 in 2012/13.

Simon Forrester, chief executive of the British Pest Control Association, said he believed pest numbers had increased significantly across the UK, and feared that the problem was likely to get worse.



Cattle judging at last year's Dairy Day, which attracted thousands of visitors

## Dairy Day classes

A LIST of classes to be judged at this year's UK Dairy Day in Telford has been announced.

A showcase of the best breeding cattle and breeders, the event includes a cattle show on September 16.

Located within the main ring at event at the International Centre in Telford, the Cattle Show will feature classes for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and the National Holstein Show.

Judges will include Nico Bons, John Suffern and Mark Logan.

A new feature for UK Dairy Day 2015,

to follow on after the cattle show, will be a Red Ribbon Sale, a joint venture with livestock auctioneers Harrison & Hetherington.

The sale will take place in the main ring from 4.30pm.

Carl Smith, UK Dairy Day's show director, said: "The Cattle Show at UK Dairy Day was a hugely popular feature at last year's inaugural event and a real display of the cream of the crop in the dairy world."

"This year we are extremely fortunate to have a wealth of expertise in our judging panel."

# Small cider firms are facing an EU threat

IT is hard to think of a more quintessentially English scene.

Every summer, dozens of people sit outside The Cider House in Quatt, sipping refreshing cider made on the premises from apples grown in a nearby orchard.

"People love the traditional cider," says Brian Jarvis who has run the pub for the past 30 years with his wife Kath, and brews his own cider on the premises.

Well, if the warnings coming from the industry are anything to go by, Britain's 380 small craft cider manufacturers could be under threat from a new European Union clampdown, which will end a tax exemption they have enjoyed for the past 39 years.

In February this year, the European Commission wrote to the British Government formally asking it to end the exemption which means Britain's smallest cider makers do not have to pay excise duty on their products. At the moment, producers making less than 12,000 pints a year are free from the tax, but if the EU gets its way, they will in future have to stump up an extra £2,700 a year in tax. This may not sound much, but campaigners say it could be the final straw for the tiny enterprises which are thought to make up 80 per cent of the country's industry.

Mr Jarvis, who trades as the Shropshire Cider Company, says if any more taxes are introduced, he will simply stop making his own cider and just sell other people's.

"We're just a very small enterprise. I produce just 7,500 litres a year, but if they introduce any more taxes I probably will not produce any more," he says. "I'm fed up with working for the Government, you get screwed on the business rates as it is."

"If they are going to tax me any more I shan't bother."

Mr Jarvis said most of his cider was sold at shows and festivals, because people had been asking for traditional cider produced in different flavours.

Martin Harris, whose business Butford Organics in Leominster has been producing cider in small quantities for 14 years, said

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Report by Mark Andrews

he would have to consider "very carefully" whether he would continue making the drink if the exemption was lifted, although he is hopeful that an agreement will be reached with the EU to resolve the matter.

"It would most likely cost the Government more to collect the duty than it would raise, so I imagine the Government would come down on our side," he says.

"It makes no sense at all, it is not just the commercial aspect. The small cider producers play a vital role in preserving the small orchards, so it would be a mistake from an environmental heritage point of view."

"A lot of the products we make are at the higher end of the duty bands, so we would have to consider which products we would make. We would have to think very carefully about whether we would carry on."

Interestingly, it is not just the small cider makers, the ones that benefit from the exemption, which are concerned with the plans.

Robert Robinson, of Robinson's Cider in Tenbury Wells, fears that ending the exemption will make life very difficult for small craft cider makers, particularly people setting up new businesses.

He says the tax exemption was a huge boost for people starting out in the industry. Mr Robinson says his business is now large enough not to be affected by the tax, but in years gone by the exemption played a crucial role in helping his business prosper.

"Starting a business is hard enough and this little bit of breathing space is very welcome," he says.

"I would no longer be affected by this change because I am now beyond the production threshold but when I needed it I was very glad of it indeed."

"The tax threshold is low anyway: only really enough to test the market or run a hobby or craft business. Though entirely consistent with the EU's drive to make everything grey, homogenised, highly reg-



The delicious produce of orchards is enjoyed by many every year

## Show appeal goes out to find all our future farmers

MORETON Show is on the lookout for young stock handlers in Shropshire as it prepares to encourage the farmers of the future at this year's event.

The popular agricultural show is due to be held on September 5.

The show now wants to hear from any young people up to the age of 17 who are able to bring their cattle, sheep, pigs and goats to one of the country's biggest one-day agricultural events.

Those who enter can bid to win a coveted title as well as some big-money prizes of up to £100.

Lynne Parkes, Moreton Show's livestock secretary, said: "The young handlers are an up and coming feature of the show world and showing their animals has become a serious business."



Reigning sheep handling champion Victoria Wheeler

"It's also increasingly popular and the young farmers coming to Moreton know the competition will be tough."

"It's something we try to encourage because this is the lifeline of shows like ours at Moreton" she explained.

"These young farmers are the future. This year, we have a Future Farmers' Initiative which is aimed at attracting the country's budding young farmers."

A new feature at this year's show is the revival of the Calf Show, for handlers who are aged under-16 who will be showing animals that are under nine months old.

These classes were popular some 40 years ago and Moreton Show wants to regenerate their popularity.

The calves now join the dairy, continental and native breeds in the cattle class carrying a £100 prize for the overall champion.

Do you have any farming news to share with our readers? Email [shirley.currie@shropshirestar.co.uk](mailto:shirley.currie@shropshirestar.co.uk)



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A selection of items found during the archaeological work



The work is being carried out at Powis Castle, one of the area's most historic sites



Work is being carefully carried out as part of the project



The work at Powis Castle is being carried out by members of the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust

## Work uncovers castle's history

**WORK to renovate the east side of Powis Castle has uncovered a previously unknown and hidden part of the historic building.**

Archaeology being carried out by Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust as part of the renovation has revealed the corner of a sandstone building with floral floor tiles.

This building is not shown on any known plans of the castle, the earliest of which dates back to 1629. But pottery from the lowest excavated levels within the building has been dated to the 17th century.

Ruth Scutter, spokeswoman for the National Trust, which owns Powis Castle, said: "It's been really exciting to watch this archaeological dig unfold because we really had no idea what the team would find."

"The features in the geophysical survey looked like they could relate to a tower and other aspects of the medieval castle, and this intriguing find may be the missing piece of the picture that confirms what Powis Castle looked like in the 16th century or earlier."

Archaeologists discovered the corner of the

**Report by Pam Kingsley**

building in one of their trenches near to the steps at the eastern side of the castle. The building has sandstone walls at least 1.45 metres wide and an entrance on the west side.

Material covering the building seems to be associated with its demolition and includes fragments of medieval decorated floor tile with a floral design. The floor tiles are very similar to tiles found at Strata Marcella Abbey five kilometres away from the castle which date to the 14th century.

Ms Scutter said: "It is impossible, without further work, to be certain, but the archaeologists suggest that the tiles may have been moved from the abbey to Powis Castle after the dissolution of the monasteries in 1536, the end of the medieval period."

The work is being carried out following a fundraising drive by the National Trust to help restore the castle's crumbling east front, which was once the main grand entrance that welcomed major figures in British and world history.

The appeal, which is still ongoing, aims to raise more than £300,000.



Trenches have been dug as part of the dig at the castle



History enthusiasts have been watching the dig unfold



The dig is being carried out ahead of renovations at Powis Castle



# Adaptability has been key to the survival of fox

**TO survive in this day and age you need to go about your business unnoticed, be extremely cunning or become very adaptable.**

If you manage all three, then so much the better. Conversely, the problem with being very good at all three means you'll be persecuted by man all your days. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the fox.

May gives us a great chance to see Mr Tod because it is the month he (and she) brings his cubs out into the wide world. There are many different types of foxes, and they are the most widespread species of wild dog in the world. Their adaptability means they can just about everywhere – in the countryside, cities, forests, mountains and grasslands. As if to illustrate this point, Arctic foxes live in one of the coldest places on Earth and fennec foxes live in one of the hottest, the Sahara.

Having mated in the winter, the vixen gives birth to cubs at the start of spring and typically four or five cubs are born into the den or 'earth'. The vixen stays with them for two weeks, being fed by the dog fox. They remain with their mother until autumn when they disperse to find territories and mates of their own.

Foxes are the only type of dog capable of retracting their claws like cats do. They also have vertical pupils that look more like those of cats than the rounded pupils that other dogs have. Having said that, they are certainly simply a wild species of dog and whereas our terriers and retrievers, hounds and lapdogs may live upward of 12 to 15

## ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



years (I recently met a small cross-breed that was 23), the average life expectancy of a wild fox in Britain is just 12 to 18 months in urban areas, (58 per cent are killed on the roads) and rarely beyond three years in rural areas.

The problem with foxes is that they are predatory carnivores and are not on the best of terms with poultry farmers, game keepers and the like. But is the killing of pheasants, ducks or chickens really the fault of the fox? Of course not. The problem is that the land use of this country has been so drastically changed by us that we have intruded into the traditional homes of every species possible. Most species give up and die, but some, incredibly and astonishingly survive and instead of being respected for this, they are persecuted even more so.

It is ridiculous to offer so many rich pickings to a carnivore, be they game birds, poultry or flocks of lambs, and then whinge when a handful are taken naturally by mammalian or avian predators. Either secure your animals better or produce a few more each season to satisfy the said species. Let us remember that we too are a part of the natural world and that we also should learn to live with the other natural species around us.

Ben is at the Fair in the Square, Shrewsbury, this Saturday, from 9am to 5pm.



Bright Eyes (oil on board) by Ben Waddams

## RSPCA cruelty cases increase report reveals

THE RSPCA has faced another year of cruelty cases across Wales with a rise in the number of complaints investigated from 11,372 in 2013 to 11,740 in 2014.

Inspectors say 1,389 of the complaints in 2014 involved deliberate and often violent cruelty being inflicted on animals up 125 from the previous year. These complaints included beatings, fighting related killing, poisoning, trapping and mutilation.

The RSPCA Cymru superintendent Martyn Hubbard said: "It is extremely concerning that we are still receiving more than 1,300 complaints about animals being deliberately caused to suffer.

"Most of the complaints we receive involve animals being neglected or not receiving the right care and often we can put that right by offering welfare advice. However, it is shocking that in 2014 people are still being deliberately cruel."

Convictions were however down, with 116 convictions in magistrates' courts in 2014 compared to 297 convictions in 2013.

There were 74 offenders cautioned in 2014, down from 91 in 2013.

The latest figures show a 100 per cent success rate for RSPCA prosecutions in Wales last year which also follows a 100 per cent success rate in 2013.

Superintendent Hubbard added: "Our aim is always to prevent cruelty so it's really positive that a greater number of people followed our advice.

"Crucially this means that although we are still receiving complaints about cruelty we are often getting to incidents before suffering has occurred and helping owners to provide for their animals, whether that means getting veterinary care for them or just giving them the right diet.

"Sadly, though, where cruelty is still happening there will be a need to prosecute in the most serious cases and it is upsetting that so many people are still mistreating animals by deliberately causing them harm or by not providing them with the care they deserve."

Cases over 2014 including dogs being violently kicked or being thrown into rivers, others having to live with chronic skin conditions and infections, severely underweight horses and one of the worse cases of rabbit neglect one inspector had seen.

To report animal cruelty call the RSPCA's 24-hour helpline on 0300 1234 999.

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## Pointless Celebrities

6.45pm

Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present the quiz. Celebrity teams Henry Kelly and Matthew Kelly, Tom O'Connor and Jenny Powell, Nina Myskow and Gyles Brandreth and Ulrika Jonsson and Nick Hancock try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions.



## BBC Young Dancer 2015

7pm

Zoe Ball and Dorcey Bussell present the grand final of the talent search from Sadler's Wells. Six dancers have made it through to the last show, and each will perform a solo piece from their repertoire, a duet and a new piece devised for them by some of the UK's leading choreographers.



## Britain's Got Talent

8pm

Ant and Dec host the latest round of the nationwide talent search. A wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete to impress judging panel Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams with their unusual skills.



## The World's Most Extreme

8pm

Featuring an exploration of the most dangerous rivers on the planet, including the Panama Canal and the Congo River, where white-water rafters try to beat undefeated rapids. Plus, a look at the Antarctic where ships can become stuck in the icy waters.



## NCIS

7.30pm

Kidnappers strike on Halloween, wounding a marine sergeant and snatching his daughter – leaving the team members wondering why anyone would try to extort money from someone on such a modest salary. Mark Harmon, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette star.

BBC1

6.00

Breakfast.

10.00

Saturday Kitchen Live. James Martin is joined by chefs and celebrity guests for the cookery show, which also features BBC archive highlights and wine choices for the dishes prepared in the studio.

11.30

Paul Hollywood's Bread. The master baker reveals the secrets to making classic European varieties of bread, and demonstrates how to toss a pizza base without it sticking to the ceiling. (R)

12.00

BBC News; Weather.

12.10

Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's action, including matches in the Premier League and the Football League play-off semi-finals.

12.50

Saturday Sportsday. A look ahead at the day's events.

1.00

Live Athletics: Great CityGames Manchester. Jonathan Edwards presents coverage from a purpose-built track in Deansgate, where the seventh staging of the event takes place.

3.00

Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League and Scotland.

5.10

Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights. Suzi Perry introduces action from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona, where the fifth round of the season is set to take place.

6.20

BBC News.

6.35

Midlands Today; Weather.

6.45

Pointless Celebrities. Henry Kelly, Matthew Kelly, Tom O'Connor, Jenny Powell, Nina Myskow, Gyles Brandreth, Ulrika Jonsson and Nick Hancock compete in the star-studded version of the quiz show.

7.35

Atlantis. When Jason is caught by Pasiphae's troops, the heroes know they must do all they can to save him before he is lost for ever, so Aeson undertakes a mission to rescue his son.

8.20

The National Lottery Live. Jenni Falconer introduces the results of this week's draws, with Madness frontman Suggs on hand to press the button and release the balls.

8.30

VE Day 70: A Party to Remember. Chris Evans hosts a live concert to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, with songs from Alfie Boe, Chas and Dave, Collabro, Elaine Paige, Gregory Porter and Katherine Jenkins.

10.25

BBC News; Weather.

10.45

Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Crystal Palace v Manchester United at Selhurst Park and Hull City v Burnley at the KC Stadium. United continued their quest for a place in the top four, while the Tigers and Clarets met in a vital relegation battle. Plus, Everton v Sunderland, Aston Villa v West Ham United, Leicester City v Southampton, Newcastle United v West Bromwich Albion and Stoke City v Tottenham Hotspur; National Lottery Update.

12.10

FILM: DOA (1988).

1.45

Weather for the Week Ahead.

1.50

BBC News.

BBC2

6.10

FILM: The Story of GI Joe (1945). A war reporter recounts his experiences of travelling with an American military unit through the Italian campaign. Second World War drama, with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum.

8.00

How We Won the War. A jailbreak from a wartime prison near Bridgend, south Wales. (R)

8.30

How We Won the War. Jules Hudson's journey ends in north-west England. Last in the series. (R)

9.00

The Lancaster: Britain's Flying Past. John Sergeant examines the history of the bomber. Last in the series. (R)

10.00

Wellington Bomber. A factory in North Wales that assembled a bomber in a day. (R)

11.00

Churchill: The Nation's Farewell. Jeremy Paxman tells the story of Winston Churchill's state funeral. (R)

12.00

Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. Three new candidates prepare a partridge. (R)

1.00

Bargain Hunt. Searching for antiques in Barnsley. (R)

1.30

Escape to the Country. A couple hoping to find a rural retreat in Ceredigion, west Wales. (R)

2.15

Hitchcock's Leading Actors: Talking Pictures. Exploring the relationship between director Alfred Hitchcock and his stars.

2.50

FILM: Vertigo (1958). A private eye with an aversion to heights is drawn into a mystery when he is hired to follow his friend's wife. Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring James Stewart and Kim Novak.

4.55

Flog It! From the National Motorcycle Museum in Solihull. (R)

5.25

Newsnight Special. Headline analysis.

5.55

Gardeners' World. From the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. (R)

6.25

Dad's Army. Lance Corporal Jones takes the plunge and decides to make an honest woman of Mrs Fox. Last-ever episode of the wartime comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. Last in the series. (R)

7.00

BBC Young Dancer 2015. Zoe Ball and Dorcey Bussell host the final of the talent search, with the dancers each performing two solo pieces and a duet for the judges at Sadler's Wells. Last in the series.

9.00

Some Scousers with Jokes. The people of Liverpool, a city known for its comedy, tell their favourite jokes. Cutdown repeat. (R)

9.15

FILM: Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (2011). A British fisheries expert is hired to undertake an Arab sheik's ambitious plan to introduce salmon fishing to his country. Comedy drama, starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt.

10.55

QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz with a difference, with Josh Widdicombe, Phill Jupitus, Katherine Ryan and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of K-Folk. (R)

11.40

FILM: The Way (2010). A doctor decides to complete the historical journey through the Pyrenees that his son died while making. Comedy drama, starring Martin Sheen.

1.45

This is BBC2.

ITV

6.00

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8.25

ITV News.

8.30

Weekend. With Emmerdale star Natalie Anderson.

9.25

The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

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12.30

ITV News and Weather; Weather.

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1.40

Doc Martin. Louisa's mother Eleanor arrives in the village. (R)

2.45

Who's Doing the Dishes? Pat Sharp plays host. (R)

3.45

FILM: Cats & Dogs (2001). A power-mad cat plans to take over the world, but a heroic puppy joins a force of canine secret agents to foil his schemes. Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum and Elizabeth Perkins.

5.30

ITV News Central; Weather.

5.45

ITV News and Weather.

6.00

New You've Been Framed! Reloaded. Harry Hill narrates a selection of mishaps filmed by viewers in this special extended episode, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful accidents.

7.00

Ninja Warrior UK. Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.

8.00

Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of the nationwide talent search, as a succession of acts compete for the chance to win a cash prize and a slot at the Royal Variety Performance.

9.20

Play to the Whistle. Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, comedian Bob Mortimer and Emmerdale star Natalie Anderson join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh on the comedy sports quiz.

10.05

ITV News and Weather; Weather.

10.20

FILM: American Gangster (2007). Fact-based crime drama about 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas and the cop who tried to bring him down in the face of police corruption. Starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

1.05

Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.00

The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R)

3.40

ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.15

How I Met Your Mother. (R)

6.40

How I Met Your Mother. (R)

7.05

Challenge Wanaka.

7.30

The Grid. Including a look at the most promising rookie drivers in the European F3 Championship.

8.00

The Morning Line. A look ahead to this afternoon's racing.

9.00

Everybody Loves Raymond. An offhand comment causes problems for Ray. (R)

9.30

Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie thinks she has lost her touch in the kitchen. (R)

10.00

Everybody Loves Raymond. Amy is accused of talking too much. (R)

10.30

Frasier. The shrink finds himself the butt of practical jokes. (R)

11.00

Frasier. Niles becomes an art critic. (R)

11.30

The Big Bang Theory. (R)

12.00

The Big Bang Theory. Leonard's car is stolen. (R)

12.30

Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. The story of May's transformation into "The Cavalry" is revealed. (R)

1.25

Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park.

4.10

Come Dine with Me. Four amateur chefs from Derby compete. (R)

4.40

Come Dine with Me. Kellan Dalton hosts the second dinner party in Derby. (R)

5.10

Come Dine with Me. Serena Gilzean-Hughes hosts the penultimate dinner party in Derby. (R)

5.45

Come Dine with Me. Peter McManus hosts the final dinner party in Derby. (R)

6.10

The Simpsons. A terrorism scare prompts the people of Springfield to hire a British security consultant, who installs surveillance cameras everywhere. With the guest voice of Eddie Izzard. (R)

6.35

Channel 4 News.

7.00

For the Love of Cars. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead focus on the 1980s "hot hatch", which became must-haves for boy racers, as they help transform a Volkswagen Golf GTi Mk 1 into a rally car. (R)

8.00

The World's Most Extreme. An exploration of the most dangerous rivers on the planet, including the Panama Canal and the Congo River, where white-water rafters try to beat undefeated rapids.

9.00

FILM: Robin Hood (2010). An archer returning from the crusades faces a plot by a traitorous knight to bring about a French conquest of England. Medieval adventure, with Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.

11.45

Lee Mack Live. The comedian's live show, performed at London's Bloomsbury Theatre, in which he touches on bizarre subjects, from pasty marketing to grandmothers snorting a powdered dessert. (R)

12.50

Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R)

1.45

Hollyoaks. (R)

3.50

Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. (R)

4.50

Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R)

5.00

Deal or No Deal. (R)

5.55

How I Met Your Mother. (R)

Channel 5

6.00

Milkshake!: Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Angelina Ballerina 6.35 Pip Ahoy! 6.45 The Mr Men Show 6.55 Mio Mao 7.00 Chloe's Closet 7.15 Roobarb and Custard Too 7.20 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Paw Patrol 7.50 Little Princess 8.05 Wanda and the Alien 8.10 Zack and Quack 8.20 Olly the Little White Van 8.25 Milkshake! Monkey 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 Jelly Jamm 9.00 LazyTown 9.30 Dora and Friends 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R)

10.05

Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

10.45

Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. Helping homeowners let down by unreliable workmen. (R)

11.45

Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. Renovating a charity worker's bathroom. (R)

12.45

FILM: Attack on the Iron Coast (1968). Second World War drama, starring Lloyd Bridges.

2.35

FILM: Columbo: A Trace of Murder (1997). Crime drama, starring Peter Falk.

4.30

The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A former soldier takes the law into his own hands. (R)

5.30

Britain's Horror Homes. A street that is subjected to a tide of raw sewage every time it rains. (R)

6.25

Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Brian O'Shaughnessy and Graham Aldred's first case sees them in a Brighton health spa as they search for assets to seize in pursuit of a £20,000 debt. (R)

7.25

5 News Weekend.

7.30

NCIS. Kidnappers strike on Halloween, wounding a marine sergeant and snatching his daughter, while Abby surprises everyone by turning up at the lab in a revealing fancy-dress costume. (R)

8.25

NCIS. The team joins forces with military investigators to ascertain whether terrorists were responsible for an explosion at a golf course in which a marine colonel was killed. (R)

9.15

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A body is found in the woods, covered in chrome paint. A shard of glass leads Sara and Julie to two rich brothers, who are fighting over their father's collection of classic cars.

10.10

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A criminal performing community service is suspected of murdering two people – but even after he is caught, the killings continue. Guest starring Nick Stahl. (R)

11.05

The NCIS Movie: Judgement Day. The funeral of a special agent in Los Angeles leads Shepard on a covert mission to finish some classified business she began a decade previously in Europe. (R)

12.55

SuperCasino.

3.10

Autopsy: The Last Hours of River Phoenix. (R)

4.00

World's Busiest Hotel. (R)

4.50

Make It Big. (R)

5.15

Make It Big. (R)

5.45

Angels of Jarm. (R)

5.50

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### Countryfile

7pm

Adam Henson is at the Food and Farming Awards in Bristol, where he announces the winner of the first Countryfile Farming Hero and also talks about his own hero, Robert Bakewell, the father of selective breeding. The rest of the team celebrates other farming pioneers past and present.



### Hunters of the South Seas

8pm

Will Millard interacts with indigenous communities in the most remote corner of the Coral Triangle. He heads to the Trobriand Islands, 150 miles off the east coast of Papua New Guinea, where he discovers a trading network called the Kula Ring. On the largest island, Kiriwina, he meets Edric and Nagiya.



### Celebrity Squares

7.15pm

Regulars Tim Vine and Joe Wilkinson are joined in the grid by TV presenters Jonathan Ross, Laura Whitmore and Gabby Logan, ventriloquist Nina Conti, comedians Tony Law and Shappi Khorsandi and boy band Union J – who presumably have an extra-big box to fit all four of them in.



### Three in a Bed

7pm

At the Maypole Inn Pub and B&B in Skipton, North Yorkshire, former Butlins stand-up comic Malcolm Kilbourne and his wife Sue don't believe in unnecessary frills. Their rivals are perfectionists Ianroy and Melanie McCall and retired Navy Wren Mary Lloyd-Wright and her stepdaughter Cherry Priscott.



### Spider-Man 3

5.20pm

An alien parasite brings out the web-slinging hero's darker side, filling him with thoughts of revenge on his uncle's murderer, the shape-shifting Sandman. Meanwhile, he also has to contend with the challenge of his best friend following in his father's villainous footsteps. Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire.

## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 7.30 Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Crystal Palace v Manchester United at Selhurst Park and Hull City v Burnley at the KC Stadium. (R)
- 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 VE Day 70: The Nation Remembers.** Kirsty Young presents full coverage as the royal family attend a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, followed by a parade of veterans and those involved in the war effort.
- 1.30 Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
- 2.45 Bargain Hunt.** Presenter Tim Wonnacott joins the teams in Grimsthorpe, Lincolnshire. (R)
- 3.15 Shark.** Documentary revealing the behaviour of the ocean predators, from blacktip sharks gathering in huge packs to great whites hunting off the coast of South Africa. (R)
- 4.15 Points of View.** Viewers' opinions on BBC shows and behind-the-scenes reports on new programmes.
- 4.30 Songs of Praise.** In a show to mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day, Bill Turnbull talks to people who remember the announcement of victory in Europe and the chorister who sang for Churchill.
- 5.05 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix – Highlights.** Suzi Perry presents action from the fifth round of the season, staged at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.
- 6.30 BBC News.**
- 6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 Countryfile.** A celebration of farming heroes past and present, including the father of selective breeding Robert Bakewell, tractor inventor Harry Ferguson and the men who set up the RSPCA. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 8.00 The British Academy Television Awards.** Graham Norton hosts the ceremony from the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London, with shows including Happy Valley, Line of Duty, The Missing and Marvellous battling for recognition.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Chelsea v Liverpool at Stamford Bridge and Manchester City v Queens Park Rangers at the Etihad Stadium.
- 11.30 FILM: The Mothman Prophecies (2002).** A bereaved journalist gets inexplicably lost on his way to Virginia, and ends up in a rural backwater where the residents are reporting paranormal encounters and sightings of strange lights. He investigates further and is startled to uncover stories about a huge moth-like creature - the same animal that his wife claimed to see shortly before she died from a brain tumour. Supernatural thriller, with Richard Gere.
- 1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.25 BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.05 Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Wiltshire, London and Lancashire. (R)
- 7.00 Countryfile.** The team explores the effects of spring on the senses. (R)
- 8.00 Gardeners' World.** From the RHS Malvern Spring Festival. (R)
- 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden.**
- 9.00 Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial.** The finalists produce a three-course fine-dining menu before one of them is given the job. (R)
- 10.00 The Big Questions.** Human rights laws versus religion.
- 11.00 Athletics: Great Manchester Run.** Live coverage of the 10k race; **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.05 MOTD2 Extra.** A look ahead to this afternoon's Premier League fixtures.
- 2.00 Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials.** Live coverage of the three-day eventing competition.
- 4.00 The Olympic Journey: Born Winners.** Gabby Logan investigates whether a person's DNA decides if they will be a winner and Greg Rutherford learns how his views on nature versus nurture have steered his training methods.
- 4.30 Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights.** Action from the 10k race.
- 5.30 Flog It!** From Banbury, Oxfordshire. (R)
- 6.00 VE Day 70: The Nation Remembers – Highlights.** Today's events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day, beginning with a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, followed by a parade of veterans and a fly-past.
- 7.00 Britain's Greatest Generation.** The extraordinary stories of some of the British men and women who fought or lived through the Second World War, now in their nineties or older. (R)
- 8.00 Hunters of the South Seas.** Will Millard heads to the Trobriand Islands, 150 miles off the east coast of Papua New Guinea, where he discovers a trading network called the Kula Ring. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Wellington: The Iron Duke Unmasked.** Documentary portrait of the Duke of Wellington, with Richard E Grant starring in a series of dramatic reconstructions aiming to discover the man behind the public image.
- 10.00 Modern Times: For Richer, For Poorer.** Every year, half-a-million new businesses are launched in Britain and 40 per cent of them will be run by couples. Cameras follow four of these brave, enterprising twosomes.
- 11.00 W1A.** Anna is crowned as the Head of Better, and the staff are given the task of announcing the concept to the world at large – which is fine, except none of them know what Better means. (R)
- 11.30 FILM: Smart People (2008).** A misanthropic professor's self-absorption threatens his faltering relationship with a former student. Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid, Ellen Page and Thomas Haden Church.
- 1.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
- 1.55 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 2.55 This is BBC2.**

## ITV

- 6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Animals 7.15 Sooty 7.30 Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge**
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With Vic Reeves, Sam Faiers and Felicity Ward, plus music by Rae Morris.
- 9.25 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 10.25 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 11.25 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 12.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.35 The Unforgettable Hattie Jacques.** Tribute to the Carry On star. (R)
- 1.05 All Star Family Fortunes.** Game show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (R)
- 1.50 Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the latest round of the nationwide talent search. (R)
- 3.05 FILM: Mannequin (1987).** Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy.
- 4.50 The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 5.50 Ninja Warrior UK.** Obstacle-course challenge, with Ben Shepherd, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)
- 6.50 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 7.00 ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.15 Celebrity Squares.** Noughts-and-crosses game show, with guests Jonathan Ross, Laura Whitmore, Tony Law, Gabby Logan, Nina Conti, Union J and Shappi Khorsandi. Warwick Davis hosts.
- 8.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium.** Alexander Armstrong hosts the variety show, with performances by Andre Rieu, Josh Groban, Meghan Trainor, Lee Nelson, Ethiopian acrobats AAC Boys and the cast of The Commitments.
- 9.00 Home Fires.** Drama about a wartime Women's Institute group. As Frances and Joyce battle for leadership, Pat struggles with her unhappy marriage and Miriam tries to stop David enlisting.
- 10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.35 Perspectives: In Charlie Chaplin's Footsteps.** Monty Python star Terry Jones, a long-time fan of silent comedy, offers a personal appraisal of the man who arguably changed the face of film comedy in the 1920s.
- 11.35 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight matches, which included Wasps v Leicester Tigers, Harlequins v Bath and Northampton Saints v London Welsh.
- 12.30 The Store.** Home shopping.
- 2.30 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Brands Hatch, featuring the Renault UK Clio Cup and Ginetta GT4 Supercup. With commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.20 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** The third round of the season at Oulton Park.
- 4.10 ITV Nightscreen.**
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

## Channel 4

- 6.20 How I Met Your Mother.** Ted searches for the best New Year's Eve party in New York. (R)
- 6.40 How I Met Your Mother.** Ted tries to get Robin invited to a wedding. (R)
- 7.05 British GT.** The third round of the season from Rockingham.
- 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray rejects Debra's advances. (R)
- 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert discovers that Pat smokes. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** Martin plans his own funeral. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** Niles suspects Frasier of coveting his date. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** With Jimmy Doherty, Romesh Ranganathan and Edith Bowman.
- 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A farmer turning an old fire truck into a mobile shop. (R)
- 1.35 The Big Bang Theory.** Raj tries to date Lucy and Emily at the same time. (R)
- 2.00 The Big Bang Theory.** Raj discovers a secret about Howard. (R)
- 2.25 The Simpsons.** Homer buys a gun. (R)
- 2.55 The Simpsons.** Homer fears he has only 24 hours to live. (R)
- 3.30 FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011).** Children's comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon.
- 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.** Properties in the Waveney Valley and the Carcassonne area of France.
- Channel 4 News.**
- 6.30 Three in a Bed.** Rival B&B hosts in North Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Dartmoor compete, in a week featuring a no-frills pub, unwelcome surprises beneath the sheets and a stand-off with wildlife.
- 8.00 For the Love of Cars.** Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead enter the world of micro cars, driving a 1960 Messerschmitt, 1960s bubble cars and the ill-fated Sinclair C5, as well as restoring a Fiat 500.
- 9.00 FILM: Prometheus (2012).** Premiere. A spacecraft travels to another world in search of aliens that may have created the human race. Ridley Scott's sci-fi thriller, with Noomi Rapace and Michael Fassbender.
- 11.25 FILM: Piranha 3DD (2012).** Premiere. The opening of a water park is turned into a massacre when man-eating fish start feasting on the visitors. Comedy horror sequel, starring Danielle Panabaker and Matt Bush.
- 1.00 24 Hours in A&E.** A 23-year-old groom-to-be is examined following a seizure. (R)
- 1.55 FILM: Naalu Pennungal (2007).** Premiere. Drama, starring Geethu Mohandas.
- 3.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.05 Come Dine with Me.** Daniela Lawler prepares a four-course Italian-inspired menu in Birmingham. (R)
- 4.35 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 5.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 5.50 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Angelina Ballerina 6.35 Pip Ahoy! 6.45 The Mr Men Show 6.55 Mio Mao 7.00 Chloe's Closet 7.15 Roobarb and Custard Too 7.20 Make Way for Noddy 7.35 Paw Patrol 7.50 Little Princess 8.00 Wanda and the Alien 8.10 Zack and Quack 8.25 Toby's Travelling Circus 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.45 Jelly Jamm 9.00 LazyTown 9.25 Oily the Little White Van**
- 9.30 Dora and Friends.** Dora and Alana find dresses for the royal ball. (R)
- 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** A mutant fungus spreads through the sewers. (R)
- 10.35 Chinese Food in Minutes.** Chicken and black bean stir-fry. (R)
- 10.50 Police Interceptors.** A petrol thief's stealing spree comes to a halt. (R)
- 11.50 Police Interceptors.** Craggy has an early morning encounter with a polecat. (R)
- 12.45 Police Interceptors.** Officers descend on a hotel to arrest members of a gang. (R)
- 1.45 FILM: National Security (2003).** Action comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn.
- 3.25 FILM: Big Momma's House (2000).** Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.
- 5.15 5 News Weekend.**
- 5.20 FILM: Spider-Man 3 (2007).** Superhero sequel, starring Tobey Maguire.
- 8.00 FILM: Grown Ups (2010).** Five friends attend the funeral of their high-school basketball coach, and decide to relive their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Chris Rock.
- 10.00 FILM: Safe (2012).** A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal factions want. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Catherine Chan.
- 11.45 FILM: Soldiers of Fortune (2012).** Premiere. A group of wealthy thrill-seekers pay big bucks to experience a military-style mission. Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.
- 1.35 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 GPs: Behind Closed Doors.** The observational documentary returns, this time giving an insight into the work of doctors at Putneymead Group Medical Practice in Putney, south-west London. (R)
- 4.00 House Doctor.** Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton look back over highlights from the series, including a two-bedroom semi that smelt of dogs and was full of dolls. (R)
- 4.25 Make It Big.** Simon and Jamie get verbal warnings. (R)
- 4.50 Make It Big.** The team decides on the auction's theme. (R)
- 5.15 Make It Big.** Keren and Rebecca argue. (R)
- 5.40 Angels of Jarm.** Angel Mick helps at a playgroup picnic. (R)



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# Supporting Air Ambulance

The sight of a bright red helicopter in the skies across the Marches and Wales evokes mixed emotions – concern that someone is in need of immediate medical aid, in a difficult environment for ordinary ambulances to reach, but also pride that such a specialist and essential service is available to the public at no charge.

The Wales Air Ambulance is a necessary resource, especially as the population in Wales can be very widespread, roads are not always easy to access and the provision of hospitals is limited. However, it receives no funding from the Government or NHS.

To operate the Wales Air Ambulance, as with other such services, relies on donations from the public, legacies and fundraising efforts.

Based in Newtown and Welshpool, Greenhous Ford have supported the Wales Air Ambulance through an idea that was generated by sales controller, Lee Morgan. Lee is an artist as well as experienced car salesman.

He explains: "I recently got back into work after two years recovering from a serious motorcycle accident and, whilst I didn't receive the attention of the Wales Air Ambulance, a close friend had."

Lee used his artistic skills at airbrushing to organise an airbrush event at the Ford Newtown dealership.

He said: "Myself and my fellow artist, Sammy Cave, prepared and painted se-

lected scenes on Ford Fiesta MK7 bonnets. The bonnet I painted has a Paul Walker tribute theme. Paul was an actor in the 'Fast and Furious' films who died in a car crash. It was placed on eBay to raise funds for the Wales Air Ambulance. As a result of the auction over £550 was raised for the worthy cause."

Some examples of Lee's work can be viewed on his Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Leemorganartwork](http://www.facebook.com/Leemorganartwork)

Lee visited the service base at Welshpool Airport and is pictured presenting Anna Evans, corporate manager of the Wales Air Ambulance with a cheque. In attendance are the flight crew and medical staff who man the mercy flights.

## Awareness

Anna explains her role: "I have responsibility for fundraising, liaison with the public and networking to raise awareness of our need to raise £2 million per year to operate each of our three helicopters, used across Wales. Each costs £6 million to buy so we are fortunate to lease them off Bond helicopters."

"I deliver talks to community groups and we have visits here at the airport. It is a tough job to raise that amount of money each year. People are amazed when they are told there is no lottery funding or direct Government funding strategies."

"We are immensely grateful to everyone who donates money to the fund, those who give up their time to help through sponsorship and fundraising activities. We must not forget all those who volunteer their time to help at events."

"I am delighted to receive this cheque



**'We are immensely grateful to everyone who donates money.'**

from Lee and Greenhous Ford. It's an unusual way of raising money, but having seen photographs of the final product it is obvious Lee is very talented and an enormous amount of time has been put into the design and airbrushing."

To find out more about Wales Air Ambulance or to donate, please visit: [www.walesairambulance.com](http://www.walesairambulance.com) and follow them @air\_ambulance.

Pictured in front of the Bond EC135 helicopter, left to right: James Benson (pilot), Gareth Williams (paramedic), Anna Evans, Lee Morgan, Karen Davies (paramedic), Matt Campbell (doctor).



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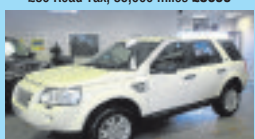
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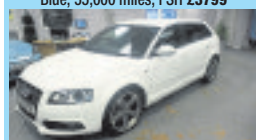
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62 Reg Ford Focus, Zetec 5dr HBK 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 16116mils	£9,695	£300	£9,395
11 Reg Hyundai i20, Comfort 5dr HBK 1.4 Petrol, 17637mils	£5,995	£500	£5,495
62 Reg Nissan Note, Acenta 5dr HBK 1.4 Petrol, FSH, 25032mils	£6,995	£1,000	£5,995
11 Reg Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 41836mils	£5,995	£200	£5,795
61 Reg Skoda Fabia, SE AUTO 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 59023mils	£6,495	£500	£5,995
62 Reg Skoda Fabia, Greenline 5dr HBK 1.2 Diesel, FSH, 64077mils, £0 RFL	£6,295	£500	£5,795
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11 Reg Skoda Octavia, Elegance TDI 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, 24595mils	£10,995	£400	£10,595
62 Reg Skoda Yeti, SE 5dr HBK 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 10319mils	£13,995	£500	£13,495
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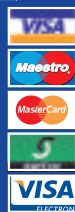
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P	W	D	L	F	A	P
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Shrewsbury Town	46	27	8	11	67	31
Bury	46	26	7	13	60	40
Wycombe Wanderers	46	25	18	6	67	45
Southend United	46	24	12	10	54	38
Stevenage	46	20	14	12	62	54
Plymouth Argyle	46	20	11	15	55	37
Luton Town	46	19	11	16	54	44
Newport County	46	18	11	17	51	54
Exeter City	46	17	13	16	61	64
Morecambe	46	17	12	17	53	63
Northampton Town	46	17	21	67	62	61
Oxford United	46	16	15	15	50	49
Daytonham & R.	46	17	8	21	58	59
AFC Wimbledon	46	14	16	16	64	68
Portsmouth	46	14	15	17	52	54
Accrington S.	46	15	11	20	58	77
Lincoln United	46	11	19	16	46	51
Cambridge Utd	46	13	12	21	61	66
Carlisle Utd	46	14	8	24	56	70
Mansfield Town	46	13	9	24	38	62
Hartlepool Utd	46	12	9	25	39	70
Tranmere Rovers	46	9	12	25	45	67

Watson Financial Mid Wales League (South)

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radnor Valley	24	20	2	2	97	33
Rhayader T Res	24	17	1	6	86	25
Knights T Res	24	16	3	4	71	24
Carno Res	24	14	3	7	60	37
Hay St M Res	24	13	3	8	57	37
Llanidloes T Res	24	12	2	10	64	47
St Harmon	24	6	9	9	46	57
Llodydd Res	24	8	3	13	44	51
Prestatyn Res	24	8	3	13	42	57
Newcastle	23	7	4	11	61	59
Builth W Res	24	6	3	15	51	72
Brecon N Cote	24	5	3	16	47	58
Talgarth T Res	24	0	2	24	13	120
Talgarth Town Res	6	points deducted				

Welsh Beef & Lamb Mid Wales Youth League

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llanidloes Town	9	7	1	1	31	2
Llanfyllter United	9	6	1	2	27	18
Bow Street	8	2	2	2	10	9
Llodydd Res	8	2	1	5	12	26
Waterloo Row	7	2	0	5	10	33
Maclennan	9	1	2	6	14	28



Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Barnt Green	2	2	0	0	0	40
Kidderminster V	2	2	0	0	0	40
Knowle & D	2	2	0	0	0	40
Shrewsbury	2	2	0	0	0	40
Walmsley	2	2	0	0	0	40
WB Darnmouth	2	2	0	0	0	40
Berkswell	2	1	0	1	0	23
Brookington	2	0	2	0	0	11
Kenilworth W	2	0	2	0	0	10
Omberley	2	0	2	0	0	10
Wolverhampton	2	0	2	0	0	5
Dorridge	2	0	2	0	0	4

Division Two South

P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Old Elizabethans	2	2	0	0	0	40
Omberley	2	2	0	0	0	40
Berkswell	2	2	0	0	0	26
Bromsgrove	2	1	0	1	0	25
Dorridge	2	1	0	1	0	24
Sutton Coldfield	2	1	0	1	0	24
Eastnor	2	1	0	1	0	22
Barnards Green	2	1	0	1	0	22
Waterlorton	2	1	0	1	0	21
Kings Heath	2	1	0	1	0	20
Stourbridge	2	0	2	0	0	4
Worcester	2	0	2	0	0	2

Division 5

P	W	D	L	C	A	B	P
Quayside	2	2	0	0	0	0	44
Brighthelm	2	2	0	0	0	0	44
Pontesbury	2	2	0	0	0	0	42
Abington	2	2	0	0	0	0	36
Ludlow's Shrop	2	1	0	1	0	0	29
Knockin & Kinn	2	1	0	1	0	0	25
Corvedale	2	1	0	1	0	0	24
Shrewsbury	2	1	0	1	0	0	23
Much Wenlock	2	0	2	0	0	0	13
Wellington	2	0	2	0	0	0	20
Shrewsbury	2	0	2	0	0	0	19
Acton Reynald	2	0	2	0	0	0	9
Lliffelsh	2	0	2	0	0	0	10
Madeley	2	0	2	0	0	0	9
Aliscott	2	0	2	0	0	0	8
Llanidloes	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Lliffelsh	2	0	2	0	0	0	0

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P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Langollan	3	3	0	0	480	34
Johnstown A	3	3	0	0	439	36
Church A	3	3	0	0	445	40
Criffins	3	3	0	0	457	21
Ruaben A	3	2	1	0	436	16
Flecksys A	3	2	1	0	412	15
Ceiriog Valley A	3	2	1	0	420	14
Overton A	3	2	1	0	381	10
Whittington A	3	3	0	0	365	45
Chirk AAA A	3	3	0	0	360	46
Cynydd A	3	3	0	0	337	46

Division 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hammer A	30	26	16	6	30	26
Bridgewater A	30	20	17	6	30	27
Woore A	30	19	17	6	30	27
Malpas Spits A	30	15	17	6	30	27
Press A	30	14	17	6	30	27
Adelley A	30	15	17	6	30	27
Ches Rd A	30	14	17	6	30	27
Chilids Ercall A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Hammer C	30	12	17	6	30	27
N'wich Pk Rd A	30	13	17	6	30	27
Audem A	30	13	17	6	30	27

Division 2

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Church B	30	12	17	6	30	27
Johnstown B	30	12	17	6	30	27
Ylde Croft A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Weston Rhyon A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Criffins A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Ceiriog Valley A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Whittington A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Chirk AAA A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Cynydd A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Whittington B	30	12	17	6	30	27
Chilids Ercall A	30	12	17	6	30	27

Division 3

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
A W C D	30	26	16	6	30	26
Bridgewater B	30	21	17	6	30	27
George	30	19	17	6	30	27
Ellesmere B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Whittington B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Adelley B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Ches Rd B	30	14	17	6	30	27
Chilids Ercall A	30	12	17	6	30	27
Hammer C	30	12	17	6	30	27
N'wich Pk Rd A	30	13	17	6	30	27
Audem A	30	13	17	6	30	27

Division 4

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Victoria B	30	20	17	6	30	27
Press B	30	19	17	6	30	27
P/brookhurst	30	15	17	6	30	27
Tilstock B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Whall C	30	14	17	6	30	27
Woore B	30	14	17	6	30	27
Ches Rd B	30	14	17	6	30	27
Norton/Hales A	30	14	17	6	30	27
Malpas Spits B	30	13	17	6	30	27
Hodnet A	30	12	17	6	30	27
N'wich Pk Rd B	30	12	17	6	30	27

Division 5

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelley C	30	19	17	6	30	27
Chilids Ercall B	30	18	17	6	30	27
Hodnet B	30	17	17	6	30	27
Wollerton A	30	17	17	6	30	27
Distric D	30	17	17	6	30	27
Hammer B	30	15	17	6	30	27
N'wich Pk Rd C	30	14	17	6	30	27
Whall C	30	14	17	6	30	27
Press E	30	13	17	6	30	27
Ash B	30	13	17	6	30	27
Tilstock A	30	12	17	6	30	27

Division 6

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgewater C	30	19	17	6	30	27
Malpas Fms C	30	18	17	6	30	27
Wollerton B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Adelley D	30	15	17	6	30	27
Norton/Hales B	30	15	17	6	30	27
Chomoleynley B	30	14	17	6	30	27
Wrenbury C	30	14	17	6	30	27
Audem D	30	13	17	6	30	27
Calverhall B	30	12	17	6	30	27
Ches Rd C	30	12	17	6	30	27

Division 7

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wrenbury D	30	19	17	6	30	27
Ash C	30	19	17	6	30	27
Press D	30	17	17	6	30	27
N'wich Pk Rd C	30	16	17	6	30	27
Whall C	30	15	17	6	30	27
Ches Rd D	30	14	17	6	30	27
Chomoleynley C	30	14	17	6	30	27
Malpas B	30	12	17	6	30	27

Keith Wall turned the clock back eight years to win the Tanners Shropshire League Merit for a second time. The Telepost terror came out on top of 42 bowlers that contested the title on Bank Holiday Monday at the Shrewsbury Severnside complex.

The former county senior man repeated his triumph of 2007 by beating Daryl Edwards of Castlefields 21-17 in the final.

Wall, better known as 'Beefy', went long distance to beat Rob Jones of Pontesbury 21-15 in the semi-finals on the vast Severnside. No.1 while Edwards was disposing of clubmate Russell Pugh to 10.

Having lost in the semi-finals of the Merit last year it ended up a happier day for Wall.

Final line-up - Tanners Shropshire League Merit winner Keith Wall is seen with organiser Barry Jennings and (right) runner-up Daryl Edwards

Whitchurch Bowling League Division 1

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Malpas Spits A	36	24	681			
Woore A	36	22	677			
Adelley A	36	23	670			
Bridgewater A	36	22	654			
Awc A	36	18	647			
Press A	36	18	633			
Wern Use A	36	24	627			
Chilids Ercall	36	18	621			
Hammer A	36	15	621			
Wern A	36	14	618			
Ches Rd A	36	16	602			
Hodnet A	36	18	590			
Distric A	36	14	571			
Harriers	36	7	539			

Division 2

Item A.....	36	23 671
Master Rd B.....	36	20 651
es B.....	36	19 649
Small A.....	36	21 632
istrict B.....	36	15 626
B.....	36	17 622
pas A.....	36	16 613
oria A.....	36	15 580
A.....	36	14 571
at Pk Rd A.....	36	15 570
Brookhurst A.....	36	17 565
on Albion A.....	36	12 531

DIVISION 3

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## Llan's cup dream is dashed in extra-time

LLANRHAEDR'S hopes of landing some silverware were brought to an end as they suffered a 2-1 extra-time exit to Bow Street in the semi-final of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup.

Both sides had their chances in an entertaining affair, with Llan denied by an excellent save in the first half and a goalmouth scramble before taking the lead through player boss Marc Griffiths who headed in an Iain Edmunds cross after the interval.

Bow Street, last season's beaten finalists, were in no mood to surrender, and levelled to take the tie into extra time when a shot deceived keeper Connor Lee.

And they secured victory in fine style when a 35-yarder dipped under the bar as they look to go one better this season.

It was a disappointing outcome for Llan who have enjoyed plenty of success in cup competitions this season, but the unrelenting run of games is appears to be taking its toll.

Newly crowned champions LLANFAIR UNITED rounded off a triumphant Spar Mid Wales League division one campaign in style as they stormed to a 5-1 home victory against Rhosgoch – with the margin of victory taking them past 100 goals for the season.

The high fliers never looked back after Paul Griffiths gave them an early lead when finishing off a slick move.

After having a goal ruled out for offside, Ross Frame doubled the advantage when rounding the goalkeeper and slotting the ball into the net.

After the break, Geraint Jones increased the margin when finishing well from a Frame cross, and Rob Bennett made it 4-0 with his first goal of the season before Rhosgoch pulled one back.

The game finished with Robert Bumford – who has never scored for the first team before – crashing home a free-kick in the last minute to seal the victory.

Earlier in the week, Llanafr drew 1-1 at Waterloo Rovers, with Chris Gethin's fine header from a Lee Andrew free kick earning parity.

Montgomery, now safe from relegation, were emphatic 4-0 winners against basement boys Aberystwyth University who also succumbed 5-2 at Tywyn Brynrcrug in their last action of a tough campaign. Dan Pugh and Sebastien Siedel scored in their last game for the students.

## Harriers hit road for 5k in Newtown

A STRONG field of runners turned out for the second of five races in the Maldwyn Harriers Summer Race series – the Newtown 10k.

Wil Woodcock (Aberystwyth University) led home a field of 70 runners in the main race to claim the overall win in a time of 35:37 ahead of Maldwyn's Jamie Loxam (35:49). In the women's race, Brecon's Heidi Davies made it two from two in the Maldwyn Harriers Summer Race Series. Her time of 38:03 meant that she finished in seventh.

Helen Owen was first Maldwyn woman home in a time of 49:44.

The next race in the series will be the Gregynog Trail Race at Gregynog Hall, Gregynog, near Newtown on Sunday, June 14.

## Town beaten as goals fly in

FC Oswestry Town's chances of runners-up spot in the Mercian Regional League premier division were dashed after suffering a 7-5 loss in a goal frenzy at Wroxeter.

Graham Kirkham, Graham Dyke, Dave Hartshorn, Harry Kerry and Rob Stone all scored one each to keep Town in the hunt, but defeat in their final game of the season leaves Nick Maguire's side in fourth place.

# Ladies put Crusaders to the sword

AFTER narrowly missing out on the title, The New Saints Ladies ensured they finished their campaign in the West Midlands Women's Premier League on a high with a 4-0 victory over Crusaders, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Making five changes to the starting line-up that was edged out by champions Birmingham & West Midlands Police the previous week, the Park Hall side took the lead when Sam Berry's great touch allowed her to volley the ball into the top left corner.

The Crusaders, who were denied a penalty min-

utes before half-time, were almost level after the break but failed to capitalise when beating the off-side trap.

The visitors would rue missing that chance as the Saints soon grabbed their second goal when Laura Morris latched on to a through ball before slotting into the empty net.

Victory was wrapped up when Megan Haynes fired into the far corner, before leading scorer Emily Ridge latched on to a weak header to round the Crusaders goalkeeper to complete the scoring with the team's

89th league goal of the season.

Manager Joe Thompson said: "That was a really professional performance, and it was a good way to respond to the disappointment of the previous weekend."

"The girls were excellent and it was good to see so many of our youth players starting the game."

The Saints now look forward to two cup finals, first in the Shropshire Cup on Thursday, May 14 and then in the West Midlands Premier League Cup on Sunday, May 24.

# TNS cup joy ensures terrific trophy triple

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

Newtown 0 The New Saints 2  
**HOLDERS** The New Saints signed off a near-perfect season by writing another chapter in the record books with more Welsh Cup glory at Newtown's Latham Park.

It completed an impressive roll of honour for the Park Hall side who sealed a domestic treble for the first time in the club's history after their Welsh Premier and Word League Cup triumphs earlier in the campaign.

The latest success, courtesy of two second half strikes from Matty Williams, made it back-to-back Welsh Cups for the Saints and fifth in their history.

It was a fitting finale to their dominant campaign that witnessed just one blemish when falling to their only defeat at arch rivals Airbus a fortnight back. For all their effort and endeavour, Newtown lacked sufficient cutting edge to spoil the Saints' end of season party despite being afforded the advantage of playing the final on their own 3G surface.

While TNS have enjoyed unrivalled success, the Robins have found silverware harder to come by, emphasised by the fact they were making their first appearance in the Welsh Cup final in 118 years.

A crowd of over 1,500 turned out to witness whether the Mid Wales men could at last ruffle a few feathers, but the Saints were in no mood to miss out on the chance of making it three trophies this term. Craig Harrison's side now follow in the footsteps of Barry Town, who won the domestic treble twice in their heyday, and Rhyl who lifted three trophies in 2003/4.

Despite plenty of graft from both sides, chances were in short supply in the final before TNS made a 53rd minute breakthrough with a neat 16-yard finish from Williams that their assured passing football deserved.

And there was no way back once Williams drilled home a second from the penalty spot six minutes from time after substitute Scott Quigley had been upended in the box by Newtown captain Shane Sutton whose challenge received a red-card from Swansea referee Dean John.

It was another wholly professional performance from the full-time Saints who set the scene from the first whistle, looking assured in possession with fullbacks Simon Spender and Chris Marriott both seeing plenty of the ball on the flanks.

A slick start almost saw the holders split open the Newtown defence in the fourth minute, but winger Jamie Mullan failed to control the ball before the danger was cleared.

However, their plans suffered an early setback



TNS' Mike Wilde (left) and Adrian Cieslewicz close in on Newtown's Craig Williams. Pic: Kevin Hughes.

when tall defender Connell Rawlison was stretched out with a foot injury in the 10th minute, sustained after being caught by a sliding tackle from Luke Boundford. The Newtown striker received a booking for the challenge while Saints boss Craig Harrison – watching proceedings from the stand due to a touchline ban – was forced to shuffle his back line.

Chris Seargeant was summoned off the bench earlier than anticipated, but the midfielder slotted smoothly into the well-oiled TNS machine. Seargeant was soon in the action with a fizzing 25-yard strike that was smothered low down by Jones at the left post.

After the break, TNS were on the front foot as Adrian Cieslewicz's curling strike was headed clear by Sutton while moments later Seargeant turned Wilde's

cross from the right just over the bar.

But the stalemate was broken eight minutes into the second half when the impressive Williams latched onto Phil Baker's long ball before steering his first time shot past Jones and inside the near post.

With the final opening up, the Mid Wales men scented an opening on 81 minutes when they worked space but Matty Owen's crisp low strike was comfortably scoped by Harrison. However, their hopes of salvaging the final were effectively dashed six minutes from time when Quigley's strong run into the box was halted by a lunging challenge from Sutton.

The Robins skipper was shown the red card to add to the penalty woe, before Williams then stepped up to drill his spot kick into the bottom left hand corner.

# Two-goal Williams praises team effort

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

"A lot of work goes into it which people don't see," he said. "It's a long season which starts early with us playing in the Champions League in the summer, but all the hard work has been worth it."

"We have been professional right to the end, and it is a privilege to be part of this success. Everyone deserves tremendous credit, not just the players out there today, but the whole squad."

Boss Craig Harrison, who had to watch from the stands due to a touchline ban, admits the squad is the strongest in his four seasons with the club.

"To win three trophies and to only get beat once in 40 odd games all season is a testament to the players and the coaching staff we have," he said.

"I could not be prouder. We worked hard on our game plan all week and carried it out to a T."

Newtown were dangerous from set plays which we knew they would be as they have big physical players, but we controlled the game in open play.

"Once we got the first goal, that made it difficult for them as they had to come out and open up."

Newtown could have been proud of their efforts in front of a crowd of over 1,500, but just fell short against a steely Saints side who can go into this season's Champions League campaign full of optimism.

Had they lifted the trophy, the Robins would have automatically booked their ticket for the Europa League, but must now go into the end of season qualifiers with a trip to Port Talbot on Saturday.

Despite the defeat, boss Chris Hughes was more than satisfied with the Robins' efforts.

"I don't think there was a lot between the sides," he said. "They had a lot of possession which we knew they would have, but our keeper didn't have too many shocks to save."

Full-backs Chris Marriott and Simon Spender collected two awards after playing a key role in TNS's treble triumph.

Left back Marriott was the players' player of the year, and right back Spender landed the manager's player accolade in the club's presentation night at Park Hall after the final.

Academy product Scott Quigley was named young player of the year, Greg Draper the supporters' player of the year and top goalscorer Mike Wilde.

## St Martins slip ends hopes of promotion

ST MARTINS missed out on promotion from the West Midlands League division one after slipping to a 3-2 defeat at Wrens Nest.

Needing to win, the Saints returned with nothing to show for their efforts, allowing Stone Old Alleynians to leap above them into second spot.

It was a disappointing finish after being in contention for much of the season, but the Saints have struggled on hard, bumpy pitches in recent weeks.

Keeper George Austin was called into early action when turning a shot onto the bar, but the visitors were in front on 15 minutes when Sam Litchfield headed in an in-swinging corner from the right by Shin Miah.

West Midlands side Wrens Nest were back on terms five minutes before half time when Harrison Day-Bradley fired a loose ball through a forest of legs.

Despite failing to hit top gear on a tricky surface, the Saints threatened when Shawn Melusi hit the bar and were in front through Matt Stone with 15 minutes remaining.

But the home side were back level moments later when Gareth Hadden headed in, and keeper Austin was forced off with a leg injury after colliding with the post in attempting to keep the ball out.

Outfield player Luke Dwyer took over between the posts, while the Saints were again left to rue their bad luck when Melusi rattled the bar for a second time.

The hosts also hit the bar art the other end, but they found a way through to seal the points when a 20-yard strike from Stuart Hillman beat stand-in keeper Dwyer to make for a disappointing finish to the season for the Saints.

## Local golf returns from your club

**HAWKSTONE PARK**  
Captains & President Competition: Captains' team won 8 ½-3 ½.

**Men's April Stableford Division 1:** S Ractliffe 39 off 10.8; K Forster 36 off 4.1; M Harrington 36 off 10.1. Division 2: K Humphreys 41 off 16; M Shortman 35 off 27.7; M Meredith 34 off 24.9.

**Ladies' March Medal:** K Wallace 96-75 off 21.0; K Gleave 87-77 off 9.8; P Smith 87-77 off 19.8; L Golf Lady Captain 84-78 off 5.6.

**Seniors' Walker Cup Round 1:** D Driver-De-Valle 41pts off 23.4; C Ditty 38pts off 9.1; D Barnett 37pts off 11.9.

**Stableford Division 1:** S Ractliffe 37pts; D Barnett 36pts; R Gleave 35pts. Division 2: D Lloyd 36pts; D Driver-De-Valle 35pts; G Soul 35pts.

**LLANYMYNECH**  
April Am: A Williams, P Perrowe, A Roberts, G Hughes 91pts; M Pugh, C Jones, A Don, R Cass 85pts; S Jennings, J Barber, P Ragdale, J Negron 83pts.

**April Medal Division 1:** L Williams 69 net; G Whale 70 net; R D Griffiths 70 net. Division 2: R Sheehan 68 net; R Walker 69 net; K Lambourn 70 net. Division 3: N Brydon 61 net; A Clewlow 66 net; P Griffiths 68 net.

**Best Gross:** G Hughes 75.  
**24 Cup:** A Clewlow 66 net; P Anderson 70 net; J Firth 70 net.

**Ladies**  
**April Medal Division 1:** A Weetman 75 net; D Davies 75 net. Division 2: S Whiteoak 73 net; D Davies 73 net. Division 3: C Thomas 72 net; E Roberts 74 net.

**Diyls Jones Qualifier (top eight go through to match play):** S Whiteoak, P Bennett, D Chadwick, C Evans, S Bonsall, J Barlow, T Cook, B Rowlands.

**Daily Mail Foursomes:** A Hitch & J Willan 66net; A Holmes & T Cook 69 net.

**MILE END**  
**Wednesday 9 Hole Social:** S Holloway 21pts; B Dando 20pts; R Lockett 19pts.

**April Stableford Division 1:** N Exton 39pts; J Thornell 38pts; P O'Connor 37pts. Division 2: C McCombe 40pts; H Cawley 39pts; P Griffiths 38pts. Division 3: T Cartwright 40pts; A Cawley 39pts; P Bailey 37pts.

**Ladies' April Stableford:** R Jones 37pts; M Sharnan 36pts; S O'Connor 35pts.

**Seniors' Captain Day Comp:** N Rogers 39pts; W Murray 38pts; K Evans 38pts.

**Wednesday 9 Hole Social:** D Stanier 20pts; R Meyer 18pts; J Harper 18pts.

**OSWESTRY**  
**April Medal Division 1:** M Jones 72-75 (cb); S Skelton 70-65 (cb); A Allen 73-75 (cb); J Matthews 74-5-69; K Wall 80-10-70 (cb); O Wheeler 77-70 (cb). Division 2: I Pearce 78-11-67; R Burnett 81-12-69 (cb); N Kershaw 82-13-69; P Evans 82-11-71 (cb); R Jones 84-71 (cb). F Mottram 83-12-71. Division 3: J Griffiths 88-22-66; C Jones 86-16-70; R D Jones 96-24-72; A Jones 92-19-73 (cb); S Hibbert 91-18-73 (cb); B Reynolds 92-19-73 (cb).

**Best Gross:** S Skelton 71.

**Charity Open Mixed Am/Am:** K Probert, G Wilson, J Davies & S Graham Wood, S Evans 116pts; J Forshaw, L Hines 76pts; T Johnson, R Lewis, J Heritage, L Clayton 75pts.

**Ladies' 18 Hole Yellow Ball (3 per team) Stableford:** M Evans, S Graham Wood, S Evans 116pts; J Edwards, D Mottram, G Woolham 112pts; J Foster, J Fernies, J Edwards 104pts; T Pearce, J Pearce, J Kelshaw 101pts (c/b).

**Nine Hole Yellow Ball:** V Griffiths, D Jones, E Gooding 42pts

## Whittington bowlers hit top spot after perfect ten

WHITTINGTON B stormed to the top of the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three with a crushing 10-0 victory against Johnstonown C.

The villagers took the shots by 62 (168-106), with the Sinkers duo doing the business as Eileen took the coppers to five and Brian to nine.

After two defeats, **WESTON RHYN B** got up and running with a 7-3 (154-127) home success against Ruabon B, Stephen Griffith leading the way to nine.

Mick Hall's 21-13 win proved the lone consolation as **BLACK LION** remain in the lower reaches with a 9-1 (160-102) reverse at Chirk B.

Third placed **CHURCH C** are going well in division four as they swept aside Llanfyllin A 8-2 (160-106) at home, Cheryl Weaver storming to a 21-2 victory and Phil James winning to nine, while Mervyn Powell (21-15) produced the best reply.

On the same number of points as Church are **LLANRHAEDR C** who had a hard fought 6-4 home win over **FOX LANE**, taking the aggregate by 11 show.

Gwynfor Hughes (21-5) and Gelly Williams (21-7) were their leading lights, with Mike Haycocks (21-5) the best of the responses.

One place behind in fifth are **LLANYMYNECH B** who boosted their cause with a 9-1 (157-119) of visiting Llangynog C, Norman Morris and Kieran Jones both winning to 11.

**LLANRHAEDR D** are the leaders of division five following their 9-1 (158-92) home beating of Church Dm with Berwyn Davies leading the way to nine while Patrick Benett (21-11) notched the one reply for the visitors.

In division six, **IFTON** again proved too hot to handle as they ran out 9-1 (167-78) winners against Llangynog B, Nick Jones and Courtney Metcalfe both winning to two and Terry Williams to five.

**CRIFTINS D** are two points behind in second after also winning 9-1 against **WESTON RHYN D**, taking the aggregate by 54 shots.

Peter Broadbent and Mike Duncan were both single figure winners to four and five respectively, while Pam Manley (21-14) produced the night's bright spot for the visitors.

■ **WESTON RHYN A** kept the pressure on the leaders in division two after pulling off a fine 7-3 (153-127) away victory at Criftins C.

Sue Taylor led the way in winning to two, while Andrew Riley was next best to 11, and Tony Johnson (21-10) was the pick of the replies.

### Results

**Division two:** Criftins C 3 (127) Weston Rhyn A 7 (153).

**Division three:** Ceiriog Valley B 7 (142) Bersham 3 (112), Chirk B 9 (160) Black Lion 1 (102), Johnstonown D 6 (147) Whittington E 4 (125), Royston A 3 (144) Plas Kynaston A 7 (149), Royston Rhyn C 7 (154) Ruabon B 3 (127), Whittington B 10 (168) Johnstonown C 0 (106).

**Division four:** Church C 6 (160) Llanfyllin A

## Ifton bowled over by win over Fields

IFTON pulled off their best win of the season after sweeping aside visitors Castlefields 11-3 to move up to fifth position in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League.

Nicky Jones secured the best result in defeating Daryl Edwards 21-5, while Leighton Roberts took the most valuable player accolade for his 21-11 success against Paul Williams.

The St Martins side produced seven other winners to secure a 34-shot success overall, with Adam Price winning to 13 and Craig Griffiths and Megis Phillips both to 14.

Andrew Hughes, Keiron Roberts and Simon Tyler prevailed 21-18, while Geraint Williams edged out Graham Wall 21-20.

Victory was a big boost for the Ifton bowlers who will now be hoping for a good haul of points when they head to second bottom Archibald Worthington on Friday night.

# Clarke ton not enough for county

RISING star Joe Clarke cracked his third century of the season with a brilliant knock for Shropshire on his home ground at Oswestry – but it was not quite enough to lead Shropshire to victory as Northumberland emerged narrow six run winners.

Defeat means Shropshire have lost all three of their games in the Unicorns Trophy this season and are now unable to qualify for the knockout stages.

Despite the disappointment of being edged out, Shropshire could take some comfort from a much improved performance, particularly with the bat, with teenager Clarke the star turn.

Clarke, 18, who is hoping to make the breakthrough to the Worcestershire first team, has cracked

centuries for Oswestry in their first two outings in the Birmingham League division one.

And the England under-19 star relished being back on familiar territory at Oswestry, his home club ground, as he followed up back-to-back Birmingham League first division centuries for the Morda Road club by registering another ton.

"Joe's in great form with two hundreds for his club and then another one for us," said Brian Foxall, Shropshire's chairman of selectors.

After delayed start owing to the wet weather Northumberland, having opted to bat first on winning the toss, scored freely to post a competitive total of 283-6 from their reduced allocation of 44 overs.

Oswestry's Robbie Clarke, a late call up, produced an economical spells to keep a rein on the visitors.

Shropshire, in reply, quickly lost in-form opener Steve Leach for two, but that brought promising teenager Clarke to the crease and he quickly put on 60 for the second wicket with Ali, brother of England ace Moeen, who smashed a rapid 39 from 16 balls to set the tempo.

Clarke was in imperious form as he shared a productive fourth-wicket stand worth 122 with experienced captain James Ralph. All was looking good until Ralph perished for 50 from 57 balls and then Clarke fell the next over and Shropshire ended six runs adrift on 277-9 shortly before 8pm.

# Two-ton Oswestry cruise to super win

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

**OSWESTRY'S cricketers hit the run trail for the second week running as they secured their first win of the Birmingham League division one campaign with an emphatic 143-run success at Leamington Spa.**

After rattling up 275 the previous week against Walsall – the highest score the Morda Road club have ever made in the 50-over format – they went even better with 311-6 on Saturday.

Leading the way were centuries by Michael Johnson and Joe Clarke, and a five-wicket haul by Robbie Clarke, as Oswestry boosted their prospects for the season ahead with an impressive all round display.

Opener Joe Clarke continued his good form with his second Birmingham League ton in a row, having hammering a terrific 138 off 118 balls the week before against Walsall.

The wicketkeeper followed that up with a superb 104 off 91 balls at Leamington, hitting 14 fours and two mighty sixes before he was caught at mid-off after he and Johnson had added 126 for the second wicket.

Once Clarke had departed, Australian recruit Johnson carried on the good work with 110, an innings which included 16 fours.

Robbie Clarke weighed in with 33 in a 92-run stand with Johnson towards the end of the innings, which propelled the innings to an impressive 311-6 off 50 overs.

Tight opening spells by skipper Mark Robinson and Dan Bowen put Leamington on to the back foot from the start, and when the home batsmen tried to play catch-up, wickets fell at regular intervals.

Off-spinner Robbie Clarke went through the middle order with 5-38 and slow left-arm Matt Gregson took 3-36 as the home side were bowled out for 168.

Century maker Joe Clarke completed a good day's work by picking up two stumpings and a catch.

Oswestry's other three games on Saturday all fell victim to the rain, with the seconds' home match against Aston Manor in the Birmingham 2nd XI League abandoned without a ball bowled in anger.

In the Shropshire League, the third team's trip to Llanidloes and the fourths' game against St. Georges at Oswestry School were also called off.

## Captain Keith on course for ace



Oswestry captain Keith Probert and ladies captain Janet Williams at the Charity Mixed Open

OSWESTRY Golf Club captain Keith Probert hit a hole-in-one on the 181-yard 12th hole on Captain's Day.

Keith hit a hybrid club into the green and initially his playing partners thought he hit it

through the green and began searching for his ball. Eventually partner Guy Wilson looked in the hole and the rest is history.

Keith and his team of Guy Wilson, Sandy Wilson and Jo Davies went on to win the competition

with a score of 85 points.

Keith said: "Thanks to everyone who took part and supported the day – 23 teams took part in the charity day, and over £850 was raised for Cancer Research, the captains' nominated charity.

# Monty taste defeat as Ellesmere edge it

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

sidelined in their clash with Condoover at Gatacre, with Keith Yapp's side now looking to get back on the pitch at Wellington III on Saturday.

**GUILDSFIELD** turned in an improved display, but still ended up losing by six wickets at St Georges in a reduced game in division four.

After being shot out for 23 the previous week, the Guils made three figures this time as they reached 109 all out in the 20th over thanks largely to 49 from Daniel Brown. He was helped by some last wicket defiance through Jordan Evans (16) and Jacob Lloyd (13). Allan Myatt bagged 5-45.

But the Mid Wales men, with a man short, failed to stem the runs in reply, with an unbeaten 31 from Chris Jones sealing victory for St Georges after 14 overs despite three wickets from Brown (3-32).

**KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY'S** encounter with Shelton in division one was abandoned without a ball bowled as the wet weather washed out several fixtures.

Knockin III did manage some action the following day, being involved in a losing draw at home to

Bomere Heath II in division four A.

Bomere were bowled out for 155, Gareth James taking an impressive 4-9 in five overs, while there were three wickets apiece for Greg Stokes and Robert Oliver.

In reply, Knockin, who put on 47 for the first wicket, held out for a draw on 125-9, Oliver hitting 24 at the top of the order and James making 23.

Dave Powell smashed a terrific 134 for **FRANKTON II** in their winning draw at Quatt II in reserve division one. The opener's century helped his side to 218-7 in a game of 31 overs, Mark Lammie chipping in with 30. In reply, Quatt batted steadily to finish on 147-3 to secure a draw, Ian Biddle making 45 not out and Dave Street 58.

Frankton's first team has less to cheer, their home encounter with Quatt in the premier division succumbing to the wet conditions.

**MONTGOMERY II** managed just 10 overs in their reserve division three clash at their Ellesmere counterparts before the wet weather had the final say. Asked to bat first, Ellesmere had reached 30-1, Keith Griffiths getting the one wicket to fall, before the rain had the final word, leaving the sides with five points apiece.

## Tennis club off to fine start to the new season

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's league season is now well under way with four fixtures producing three wins and a defeat for the club.

This year, the club has put out three ladies teams with the third string, captained by Linda Clark, playing their first ever fixture away to Team Mosaic 6 at the Shrewsbury Club where they put in an excellent performance with a maximum points win.

Captain Clark, partnering Carol Johnson, took both their rubbers in straight sets for the loss of only three games, winning 6-2, 6-0 and 6-1, 6-0 respectively.

The second pairing of debutants Lisa Jones and Jo Dailetos were equally impressive in their rubbers with a nerveless display in winning 6-1, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-3.

This was a fine opener for the new team who have a heavy load of 10 fixtures to play this season.

The ladies' second team were also in winning form as they played their first fixture of the season at home to Woodfield 5.

Having been relegated last season by one point, they are out to prove a point this season, and got off to an encouraging start.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Speth Cumpston and Carol Slater were slow to get into their stride, and soon found themselves losing the first set 2-6.

However, they soon recovered and took the second set 6-1 and finally the rubber in a third set deciding tie break 1-0 (10-7).

The second pair of captain Linda Davies partnering Julie Phillips were able to overcome the opposing second pair in straight sets 6-4, 6-3. In the reverse rubber, Cumpston and Slater won 6-2, 6-3 but Davies and Phillips lost out 4-6, 2-6. However, with a three rubbers to one scoreline, the ladies bagged seven points.

Meanwhile, the men's second team, captained by Dave Clough, had two outings in the opening week. The first, at home against Hinstock 2, was a fixture they should have won but just too many errors cost them the match.

In the first round rubbers, Clough and partner Ben Syrett-Judd won in straight sets 6-3, 6-3, but the second pair of Andy Field and Brett Hollywell just lost out on the deciding set tie break after taking the first set 6-4 but dropping the second 4-6.

In the reverse rubbers, Clough and Syrett-Judd lost the first set 4-6 and, after taking the second set convincingly 6-0, again lost out on the tie break. Field and Brett Hollywell went down in straight sets in their second rubber 3-6, 3-6.

In their second outing, and with a slight change in the squad line up, they redeemed themselves with an 8-0 drubbing away to Shrewsbury 5.

Clough and partner Ben Syrett-Judd took both rubbers in straight sets 6-3, 6-1 and 6-4, 7-5 while Hollywell, who partnered Gilbert Woolley on his debut, were dominant in their rubbers 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2 to give the Oswestry team all of the eight available points.

## Sinden gets date for his ring return

AFTER missing out on a return to the ring, Warren Sinden has a new date lined up for his comeback fight.

Disappointingly, the Welshpool boxer was unable to fight a couple of weeks back when a medical problem caused him to pull out of his fifth professional fight.

But he has landed a bout on a Wolverhampton Civic Hall bill on Saturday, June 6.

"I'd like to say a big thanks to PJ Promotions and my new manager Jon Pegg for getting me on the undercard to a massive show at the Wolves Civic Hall," said Sinden.

"After the disappointment of the cancelled fight, a place on a new show has become available.

"My new manager has freshened things up. We are plotting a route for a shot at a Welsh title."



## Llanfair get promotion confirmed

LLANFAIR United have been given the green light to step up to the Cymru Alliance next season – and boss Rhys Stephens says the club cannot wait for a new challenge.

The Spar Mid Wales League champions had to wait for their Mount Field ground to pass the necessary criteria, but this week Alliance officials have given the facilities the go-ahead.

A delighted Stephens said it was the culmination of several years' hard work to upgrade the ground, and felt the club was in a good position.

"Hard work has been going on at the ground for the past four or five years, and it has been a massive effort, not just by the club, but by the whole community," he said. "We have had five seasons in the Spar Mid Wales League, and we're ready to move on. We are under no illusions how tough it is going to be but the players can't wait."

Stephens wants to keep the local feel to the club, and is backing last season's squad to step up a grade.

"The club have a great spirit, all the lads are mates, and I am not going to change things too much," added Stephens. "It's important we keep what we've got here, and that is a locally based side the community want to watch."

Llanfair, meanwhile, missed out on a place in the final of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup following a 3-2 loss to Penrhyncoch at Machynlleth, Ross Frame and Chris Gethin replying.

On Friday, holders Llanfair take on Caersws in Central Wales Cup final at Llanidloes.

## Church A joint top after away victory

CHURCH A moved joint top of the Oswestry and District Bowls League division one with a fine 7-3 (153-142) win at Cynwd A.

Neil Williams and Steve Williams led the way with respective wins to 13 and 14 as Church sealed their third victory of the campaign.

They share pole position with Corwen A who lead on shots after their 8-2 (151-122) success against Flexsys A.

Criftins A are third after a 7-3 (156-141) home victory against defending champions Johnstown A, Sandra Barker 21-13, while Overton A were 8-2 (158-113) winners against Llangollen.

There was more misery for Whittington A who went down 8-2 (162-140) at home to Ruabon A, Ben Hampson and Mike Brunt replying to 18.

Ye Old Crofte A are top of division two thanks to an 8-2 (159-130) home verdict against Ellesmere A, Gareth Parry winning 21-10. Church B are looking good in second after overcoming visiting Criftins B 6-4 (136-128), Emrys Jones a 21-7 winner and Adrian Jones 21-9.

Captain Brian Oakley led the charge 21-8 as Weston Rhyn A kept up the pressure after swamping Llanymynech A 9-1 (162-125). Andrew Riley also winning to nine, while Henry Pugh (21-15) bagged a consolation.

Ellesmere B saw off George 8-2 (163-114), while Llanrhaeadr A put in a good display before losing 6-4 (132-111) at Johnstown B, Neil Jones (21-5).

## Cricketers look to maintain fine run

RUN-HAPPY Oswestry are on the road again as they look to maintain their high-scoring start to this season's Birmingham League division one campaign in Saturday's trip to Old Hill.

The batsmen have certainly hit the ground running, rattling up scores of 275 and 311-6 in their opening two games, thanks to back-to-back centuries from Joe Clarke.

Aussie Michael Johnson also smashed a ton in last Saturday's 143-run success at Leamington Spa, putting the Morda Road men in good heart for this weekend.

Their victory at Leamington was built on a fine all round display with Robbie Clarke also picking up five wickets and weighing in with 32, and Matt

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Gregson taking 3-36.

Having moved up to fifth in the table, Oswestry will fancy their chances against an Old Hill side who have lost their opening two matches, including last week's 152-run reverse against Moseley.

"They've not had the best of starts, but they've been a good side in the past, and will want to put that right against us," said chairman Mike Robinson. "It will be a tough game, but we looked a really good side last week, not just the batsmen, but we also bowled well."

The runs just keep coming for Joe Clarke who

cracked his third century of the season, this time for Shropshire in their narrow defeat against Northumberland at Morda Road.

Having already passed three figures twice in the Birmingham League, his 138 against Walsall being followed by 104 at Leamington, the England under-19s wicketkeeper batsman then smashed 107, including five sixes, the next day.

"Joe's in amazing form, he plays his shots from the word go, and the ball makes a really nice sound off his bat," added Robinson.

"He was a little bit disappointed that he didn't score more runs for us last season, but in the last few games he has showed what a good player he is."

# TREBLE HEROES TAKE A BREAK

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WITH the dust still settling on a famous domestic treble, The New Saints boss Craig Harrison is wasting little time as he sets his sights on this summer's Champions League.

The Saints completed their defence of the Welsh Cup with a 2-0 final victory over Newtown, making it three trophies for the season after lifting the Welsh Premier and Word League Cup titles.

As the players head for a summer break of just three weeks, Harrison is already plotting elusive success in Europe – and sees no reason why his side can't make their mark in this summer's Champions League qualifiers.

The squad will soon return to training on Monday, May 25 to start their preparations for the European assignment which gets under way five weeks later.

"The players will have a break now, 10 days downtime, but will be back in three weeks to get their heads down again," said Harrison.

"It's a short break, but they are professionals, and that's part and parcel of modern day football and playing in the Champions League.

"Having just three weeks off means the lads won't lose too much fitness, and we know we have to be professional as we can if we're going to get through in the Champions League."

The Saints' grading means they are expected to be in first qualifying round of the Champions League which takes place on June 30-July 1 with the return leg a week later on 7-8 July.

The draw will be made in Switzerland on June 22, and TNS will fancy their chances of progressing with possible opponents being Levadia Tallinn (Estonia), FC Santa Coloma (Andorra), B36 Torshavn (Faroe Islands), Crusaders (Northern Ireland) and Lincoln Red Imps (Gibraltar). Clubs from Armenia and San Marino, where the league champions are yet to be decided, will make up the draw.

Should they get through, the second qualifying round quickly follows on 14-15 July, with the return on 21-22 July.

The Saints are guaranteed 200,000 euros



Trophy time – TNS skipper Paul Harrison lifts the Welsh Cup after their 2-0 win. Pic: Peter Shah.

(£147,000) for reaching the first qualifying round which will increase by 100,000 euros (£73,500) should they get through that stage.

Despite failing to progress in recent seasons, they could hardly be in any better shape to make their mark in Europe this time around after dominating the Welsh domestic season.

"You always want to win every game, but realistically what we have achieved this season is beyond what we set out to do at the start of the season," added Harrison.

"We will enjoy our success, but know that the hard work starts now and the challenge is for

us to find that elusive success in the Champions League"

After controlling much of the Welsh Cup final, Harrison felt his side were deserving 2-0 winners against Newtown to complete a famous domestic treble.

"We did okay in the first half, but in the second half we came to life a bit more," he said. "It was never going to be a classic as Newtown dropped back deep, and we knew it would be difficult.

"They were dangerous from set plays as they have big physical players and good delivery, but we defended those well, and controlled the game."

## Power is off to Turkey for World final

BEN Power will rub shoulders with some of the sports big games after being named a finalist in the World Rallycross Championship's RX Talent Search programme in association with the MSA.

The Guildsfield driver is one of 12 who has been shortlisted from an entry of 120 to compete for a place in the RX Lites Cup category at the World RX round in Turkey.

The 25-year-old joins some of the biggest names and hottest talents in British motorsport, including Freddie Hunt, son of ex-world Formula 1 champion, James Hunt; British Touring Car Championship race winner Tom Onslow-Cole; and Formula 2 race winner, Jack Clarke.

"This is a fantastically exciting event to be involved in, and to get to the selection final is a wonderful opportunity. There are some very big names among those 12," said Power, who is a front-runner in the UK National Legends Car Championship."

The 12 finalists will each drive an RX Lites machine at Lydden Hill rallycross circuit in Kent, where they will be assessed by a panel of judges.

The RX Lites are specially-made, lightweight off-road racing cars, powered by 2.4litre engines.

The winner earns a drive in the RX Lites Cup category at World RX's Turkish round, which is held at ex-grand prix venue Istanbul Park.

Power began his motorsport career as a teenager in rallycross, he won the Junior Rallycross title in 2006 and Supermodified Rallycross titles in 2007 and 2008.

Since switching to Legends Cars, he has achieved further success, and finished runner-up in last year's UK National Championship. He currently lies second in the 2015 championship.

Power competes under the Guttercrest Racing banner, backed by the family-owned aluminium guttering company Guttercrest, based in Oswestry.

## COBRA and Pool in final-day victories

COBRA's rugby players enjoyed last-day cheer as they brought the curtain down on their Swalec Welsh League division one (north) campaign with a fine 31-21 home win against runners-up Nant Conwy, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

The Meifod side ran in four tries to gain a bonus point to finish a creditable seventh in the table, with No8 Jack Jukes crossing twice.

There were other touchdowns from captain and flanker Aled Davies and prop Bryn Edwards, while Rhodi Davies added 11 points with the boot in the Bank Holiday Monday clash.

It was also a good final day for WELSHPOOL, who secured a 35-5 victory over basement boys Holyhead in the Swalec League division three (north).

The Maesydre men finished a fluctuating campaign on a high with seven tries, with scrum half Joe Stranks leading the way with a hat-trick of scores.

Replacement No8 Ryan Goodwin also went over twice, with captain Danny Williams and fly half Tom Davies the other scorers.



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